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June 13, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

The June 13, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on page one captioned, "Union Asks Halt in Arrests of Pickets", which states that a group representing the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) at Rio Grande City filed a petition in United States District Court, Brownsville, Texas, on June 12, 1967, asking that Texas Rangers and local law enforcement officers in the Rio Grande City area be enjoined from "unlawful threats, searches and seizures, unlawful and groundless mass and individual arrests, detention, and confinement with complete disregard to due process of law guaranteed by the fifth and fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution."

The article further states that officials of the AFL-CIO affiliated UFWOC had outlined plans for a "long, vigorous union push and stepped-up civil rights action".

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269)(P)

NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION

RE: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
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Bureau's attention is directed to the following:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 6/7/67 at San Antonio, entitled TEXAS RANGER CAPTAIN ALFRED ALLEE, aka, ET AL, CR, 00: San Antonio (44-1126)

Bureau airtel to San Antonio dated 6/9/67 regarding the following cases:

UNSUBS; Texas Rangers; CAPTAIN ALFRED Y. ALLEE, Texas Ranger; EUGENE NELSON - VICTIM, CR (SA 44-1130)

UNSUBS; REVEREND ED KRUGER - VICTIM; MRS. ED KRUGER - VICTIM; DOUGLASS ADAIR - VICTIM; MAGDALENO DIMAS - VICTIM, CR (SA 44-1131)

UNSUBS; TEXAS RANGERS; PANCHO MEDRANO - VICTIM, CR (SA 44-1132)

UNSUB; TEXAS RANGER; CAROL BAKER - VICTIM, CR, (SA 44-1133)

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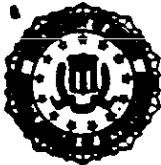
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San Antonio, Texas

June 14, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS.

Reference is made to FBI, San Antonio, memorandum dated June 13, 1967, captioned as above.

The June 13, 1967, Home Edition issue of the San Antonio Light, a San Antonio, Texas, daily newspaper, carried the following article on page six.

"UNION FORCES BRING VALLEY RIGHTS SUIT

"A suit filed here Monday asks a federal judge to order law enforcement officials involved in the Starr County farm labor union dispute not to violate the civil rights of union members.

"U. S. Dist. Judge Reynaldo Garza, out of town when the suit was filed, was expected to return today.

"The court clerk said she will issue a summons for each of the defendants named in the suit. The suit, filed by the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, asks for an injunction against five Texas Rangers, three Starr County officers, a special deputy sheriff and a justice of the peace.

"Doran Williams, a union lawyer, said the suit 'does not seek in any way to prevent those people from enforcing the valid laws of the state of Texas.'

"Two Weeks?"

"Another lawyer involved in the suit is Chris Dixie of Houston, Williams said.

"Williams said depositions in the suit, filed under the Civil Rights Act of 1966, will be taken from the defendants

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"in the next day or two."

"Named in the suit are Texas Ranger Capt. A. Y. Allee, Ranger Sgt. S. H. Denson, Rangers Jack Van Clevel, T. H. Dawson, and Jerome Preiss, Starr County Sheriff Dr. Rene Solis, Deputies Raul Pena and Roberto Pena, Special Deputy Jim Rochester, and Justice of the Peace E. S. Lopez.

"Rochester is an employee of La Casita Farms, the principal target of the union's year-long organizational drive. The California-based union seeks a \$1.25 an hour minimum wage and union contracts for the field hands of Starr County.

"Rochester's brother, Ray, is vice president and general manager of the huge farm.

"Named as plaintiffs in the suit are Frank (Pancho) Medrano of Dallas, Kathy Baker, David Lopez, Gilbert Padilla, Magdaleno Dimas, Benjamin Rodriguez and the union.

"The Charges

"Defendants in the case are accused of 'unlawful harrassment, threats, searches and seizures unlawful and groundless mass and individual arrests, physical assaults and batteries and disregard for due process of law.'

"Another allegation of the suit claims that Allee, Van Cleve and Preiss 'unlawfully and without warrants or justification,' arrested some of the plaintiffs. The suit also alleges that private property was taken from some of the plaintiffs and contends that some of the property was destroyed.

"William Kircher, organization director of the AFL-CIO, is scheduled to meet with Gov. John Connally at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Austin, according to Williams.

"A union spokesman said Kircher expects to discuss the Starr County labor dispute with the governor.

**ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS**

"Texas Rangers have been stationed in Starr County since the harvest of the million dollar melon crop began in early May. Local officials said they asked the Rangers for assistance.

"Houston Man

"The melon crop is almost harvested. Farm spokesmen agree that the harvest may last another two weeks.

"Union officers have made almost daily protests concerning the use of the Rangers and last Friday took their protest to the governor when he went to Laredo to speak at a banquet for a Mexican-American organization.

"Since the melon harvest began, 66 persons have been arrested in connection with union activities.

"Cesar Chavez, national director of the union, ordered a halt to all picketing in Starr County shortly after his arrival at Rio Grande City last week. Chavez said the picketing would remain halted while the union attempts to file some legal actions."

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IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The June 13, 1967, edition of the Valley Evening Monitor, a daily newspaper published in McAllen, Texas, carries an article captioned "Senate Group Resets Valley Labor Hearing", which states the Senate Subcommittee on Migratory Labor has rescheduled hearings in the Texas Rio Grande Valley for June 28, 1967.

The hearings, originally scheduled for May 25, 1967, were rescheduled at the request of Walter Ruther, President of United Auto Workers. The Subcommittee will meet in Rio Grande City and Edinburg, Texas, and, headed by Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., Democrat, New Jersey, will include Senators Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat, Massachusetts; Gay Lord Nelson, Democrat, Wisconsin; Robert F. Kennedy, Democrat, New York; George Murphy, Republican, California; and Paul Fannin, Republican, Arizona.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

DATE: 6/21/67

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-67449)

SUBJECT: UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE, AFL-CIO, aka
National Farm Workers Association
MISCELLANEOUS-INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau, 5/27/67

Referenced airtel noted that captioned organization has become active in the Rio Grande Valley area and is involved in organizational and strike activities in Rio Grande City, Texas, directed against the fruit and vegetable producers. San Antonio noted that some of the leaders of the group were active in United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) matters in the Los Angeles area and during the so-called Delano Grape Strike activities at Delano, California, in 1964.

As the San Antonio Division is aware, the Bureau, by letter dated 3/22/67 captioned, "UNSUBS; United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, La Casita Farms, Incorporated - VICTIM, AR", noted that in 1966 the UFWOC merged with the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA). The Criminal Division of the Department of Justice was advised that the Bureau had received considerable information which in turn was furnished to the Department relating to communist infiltration of the NFWA and various demonstrations by such organizations in connection with its efforts to organize farm workers in Texas and California.

The Bureau concluded its memorandum by stating that no specific investigation was being requested at this time, but each Office should insure that any incidents which might arise relating to organizational attempts or other activities by the UFWOC be promptly submitted to the Bureau.

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In this connection the Los Angeles Division has made every effort to keep the Bureau fully apprised of any marches or demonstrations instigated or sponsored by the UFWOC.

San Antonio by referenced airtel dated 5/27/67 pointed out that the following individuals, all of whom have been active in the UFWOC at Rio Grande City, were believed to have been active at Delano, California. There follows herewith a summation of the information available concerning each of the individuals so named:

1. EUGENE NELSON, age 37 years, white male, UFWOC Organizer.

The files of the Los Angeles Division contain no further information concerning NELSON that is not already in possession of the San Antonio Office.

2. WILLIAM CHANDLER, age 30 years.

[REDACTED]
No further information is available in this matter concerning him.

3. DOMINGO ARREDONDO, age 31 years, white male, President, UFWOC, Rio Grande City, Texas.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no information concerning ARREDONDO.

4. GILBERTO PADILLA, white male, about 35 years, National Vice President, UFWOC.

The indices of the Los Angeles Division contain several references pertaining to GIL PADILLA all of which connect him with the NFWA, Delano, California.

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its sponsors.

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information identifiable with PADILLA. Moreover, the Tulare County Telephone Directory and Visalia City Directory did not mention PADILLA nor did the files of the [REDACTED] for Tulare County or the City of Visalia.

There is being enclosed herewith for the information of the San Antonio Division a xerox copy of a report which was furnished to the Los Angeles Office on 6/16/67 by [REDACTED]. Pertinent portions of this report, which was obtained by SA [REDACTED], may be used in a report providing the informant is fully protected by appropriate "T" symbol. The original is located in Los Angeles [REDACTED]

The "Los Angeles Times", a large, daily, morning, metropolitan, Los Angeles newspaper, on 6/9/67 published an article concerning a forthcoming report to be issued by the California State Senate Sub-Committee on Un-American Activities which concerns itself in part with the 1966 Delano, California Grape Strike.

Senator HUGH M. BURNS, Chairman, said the report would indicate that there was some communist influence present during the 1966 Delano Grape Strike but "it was not a subversive activity as a whole". He told a press conference that the Delano situation "lent itself to participation by radicals and extremists". He added that Sub-Committee observers on the scene reported "indications of communist influence" and "individuals with subversive records present. But to say it was conducted by the Communist Party would not be correct." He noted that the strike had been called in a wake of a drive by the AFL-CIO, UFWOC led by CESAR CHAVEZ. He noted that CHAVEZ has conceded the organization includes some radicals but he insisted that there number was too small to affect policy.

The Los Angeles Division will attempt to secure sufficient number of copies of the Sub-Committee's report upon its release at which time the Bureau and San Antonio Division will be furnished the report.

As the San Antonio Division is aware, SAM KUSHNER, Los Angeles Editor, "People's World", has been in the Rio Grande City area and has filed reports with the "People's

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World" concerning the developments in that area. The Los Angeles Office does not know of any other individuals from this area with known communist backgrounds other than KUSHNER in the Rio Grande area at this time.

There is being submitted herewith for the information of the San Antonio Division a xerox copy entitled, "A Summary Outline of a Method of Organizing" by BOB SOLODOW, which is based in part on the teachings of CESAR CHAVEZ and FRED ROSS dated October, 1966. This summary was furnished to SA [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Division by [REDACTED] on 4/19/67 and is filed in Los Angeles [REDACTED].

APPENDIXCOMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

A source advised on July 25, 1966, that the premises of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California, have been utilized for meetings by Communist Party members and sympathizers over a period of years. Speakers and lecturers at the church frequently espouse Communist causes or follow the Communist Party line. Communist front group literature is distributed at the church. The church is used by some Communist Party members for "mass concentration" work.

This same infiltration extends to adjuncts of the church such as the Unitarian Public Forum and the Fellowship for Social Justice, formerly known as the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship for Social Justice.

STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN has been minister of the church since 1948.

Reverend STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN is described in the Fourth Report, Un-American Activities Committee in California, 1948, page 115, as a very active "Communist front" and connected with numerous "Communist front organizations and activities."

Membership in the First Unitarian Church does not, of itself, connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party.

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS, formerly known as Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights and Protection of Foreign Born.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised December 1, 1961, pp. 103-104, describes this committee as follows:

1. "A 'branch' of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born found to be under the 'actual management, direction and supervision' of Communist Party members. The Los Angeles Committee was reorganized in October, 1950, and reported that it 'shall be affiliated to the national organization known as the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born ***' The American Committee and the 'various area or local committees * * * constitute * * * one organization within the meaning of the * * * statute (Internal Security Act)' under which the Subversive Activities Control Board found the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to be a 'Communist-front organization' and ordered it to register as such with the Attorney General.

(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 103-53, Report and Order with respect to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, June 27, 1960, pp. -1, 6, 12, and 51.)

2. "Cited as a 'regional' organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and one of its 'most complex affiliates.' The Committee on Un-American Activities found that in early publications the local affiliates 'frankly identified themselves as chapters of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born'; their representation of themselves as independent groups came only after enactment of the Internal Security Act which would have required them, as affiliates, to register as Communist-front organizations'.

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"Control of the local organizations * * * was made possible primarily by virtue of the fact that the leaders of the local group were Communist Party members and therefore, subject to the discipline of the Party * * * The local affiliates * * * were actually little more than administrative staffs, whose purpose it was to implement the program of the Communist Party in their respective areas.

"The Lamp of January, 1950, reported that the Los Angeles Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born had been established on November 29, 1949. Publicly identified Communist ROSE CHERNIN served as the operation head since the time of its organization.

"Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1182 on Communist Political Subversion, August 10, 1957, pp. 36, 37, 35, 33, 34, 38, and 50; also cited in Annual Report for 1956, House Report #52, February 11, 1957, p. 5.7"

The "People's World", a West Coast communist news-paper, issue of 4/23/60, contained an account of results of the 16th Annual Conference of the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights and Protection of Foreign Born which was held 4/16/60. The accomplishments include a change of name for the organization to Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights, inasmuch as Defense of the Bill of Rights is all inclusive.

A source advised on 4/25/66 that the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights, still referred to by many individuals as the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, is currently active in the Los Angeles area.

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APPENDIXW.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965, identities of those serving on the NEC has varied; however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of July, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

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San Antonio, Texas

June 16, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
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The June 15, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published in Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on Page 1 captioned, "Texas Rangers Start Pullout From Starr," which states that a spokesman from the office of Texas Governor John Connally had announced the previous day that Texas Ranger Captain A. Y. Allee had begun withdrawing Texas Rangers from Starr County since, in his judgment, things had quieted down enough to do this.

The same newspaper carries a second article on its front page captioned, "Attorney General Asked to Send Federal Marshals to Valley," which stated that Domingo Arredondo, President of the Rio Grande City Chapter of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) had, on the previous day, directed a telegram to U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark requesting Federal Marshals be sent to the Rio Grande Valley to protect UFWOC members and their families from "the intimidation, violence, and violation of our constitutional rights by local law enforcement agencies and the Texas Rangers."

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The June 28, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on its front page captioned "Suit Is Filed On Rangers" which states that a suit seeking an injunction against Texas Rangers and Starr County, Texas, law enforcement officers and charging violation of civil rights had been filed in Federal District Court at Brownsville, Texas.

and also
Plaintiffs in the suit are the Texas Council of Churches, a Reverend Edgar Krueger and his wife Mrs. Esther Krueger of Pharr, Texas, Alejandro Moreno, Jr. of Mercedes, Texas, and Manuel Becerra, Jr., of San Benito, Texas. Defendants in the suit were named as Ranger Captain Alfred Y. Allee, Rangers Jack Van Allee and Tyler Dawson, Dr. Rene A. Solis, Sheriff of Starr County, and Roberto Pena and Raul Pena, Starr County Deputy Sheriffs.

The June 29, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, supra, contains an article on its front page captioned "Senators Set to Open Valley Hearings Today" which article states Senator Harrison Williams, (Republican, New Jersey), and Senator Ralph Yarborough (Democrat, Texas) had arrived in Harlingen, Texas, on the previous evening in connection with hearings to be held in the Rio Grande Valley by the Senate Sub-Committee on migratory labor. These hearings are scheduled for June 29 and 30, 1967.

The same edition of the Valley Morning Star also carried an article on its front page captioned "Order Bans All La Casita Picketing" which states that State District Judge C. W. Laughlin at Rio Grande City, Texas, on June 28,

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
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1967, had issued a temporary injunction prohibiting all picketing at La Casita Farms, which farm had been a principal target of organizing activities of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

The June 20, 1967, edition of the San Antonio Light, a daily newspaper published at San Antonio, Texas, carried an article on Page 12 captioned "Three Unionists Meet Connally," which states that Gilbert Padilla, a vice president of the United Farm Organizing Committee, Pancho Medrano of the United Auto Workers, and H. A. Moon of Dallas, also of the United Auto Workers, met with Texas Governor John Connally on the previous day at Austin, Texas, to discuss the Rio Grande Valley farm labor situation.

According to the article, Padilla said Connally rejected his suggestion that the Governor make a statement urging a union representation election supervised by the National Arbitration Association at La Casita Farms, Rio Grande City.

The article quoted Moon as saying that the Governor had said he was neutral in the dispute, as are the Texas Rangers assigned in the Rio Grande City area.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269)(P) 6- [REDACTED]

RE: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM captioned as above which are suitable for dissemination.

In view of the fact this matter represents part of a continuing labor-political dispute, San Antonio following through established sources.

1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-04 6- [REDACTED]
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1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Antonio, Texas

July 6, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The June 30, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on page one captioned "U.S. Senators Show Favor to Unionizing" which states members of the Senate Sub-Committee on Migratory Labor holding hearings on the previous day at Rio Grande City, Texas, showed open favor to unionizing farm labor and that most of the session was given to contentions from union members that Texas Rangers used brutality in making arrests during the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) organizing campaign in Starr County, Texas.

The same newspaper carried a second article on page one captioned "Sub Panel Men Rated Mostly Labor-Liberal" which states that the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) in 1966 rated Senator Ted Kennedy (Democrat, Massachusetts) as having voted "right" one hundred per cent of the time. They rated Senator Harrison Williams (Democrat, New Jersey), Chairman of the above-mentioned Senate Sub-Committee, as having voted "right" nine-five per cent of the time. They rated a third member of the Sub-Committee, Senator Paul Fannin (Republican, Arizona) as having never voted "right".

The article states that COPE, the political action arm of the AFL-CIO, rated Senator Ted Kennedy's performance during 1966 as one hundred per cent right; Senator Williams' performance also was rated as having voted one hundred per cent right; while Senator Fannin was rated as having never voted right.

The article stated the above ratings are based on key issues selected by the ratings agencies themselves.

The July 1, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Star, supra, carries an article on page one captioned "Starr Officials, Allee Target of Williams" which states that Senator Harrison Williams, supra, Chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Migratory Labor, on completion of hearings at Edinburg, Texas, on June 30, 1967, had stated he planned to turn the transcript of the hearings over to the Justice Department for study in regarding alleged injustices to members of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

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1 - DeLoach
1 - Rosen
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MR. DeLOACH

July 7, 1967

S. B. DONAHOE

**ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE
RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Mrs. Mildred Stegall called from the White House this afternoon. She advised that Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, is under the impression that the FBI has investigated and prepared a report on a series of incidents involving farm workers in Rio Grande City, Texas. I told Mrs. Stegall that I had no recollection of any over-all investigation of this situation but that I would check and we would send over a memorandum.

As a matter of background, the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, also known as the National Farm Workers Association, has been involved in organizational and strike activities in Rio Grande City for some time directed against fruit and vegetable producers. We have received and disseminated considerable data regarding this situation. We have also conducted several civil rights inquiries as a result of allegations of mistreatment and denial of civil rights by law enforcement officers in connection with the strike of farm workers in that area.

ACTION:

The General Investigative Division should prepare a concise, factual memorandum reviewing the background of this situation in Rio Grande City, indicating the extent and nature of our investigative activity in connection with the situation. A cover letter should be prepared to Mrs. Stegall forwarding the memorandum in response to her request. This should be expedited.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 10, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING
FARM WORKERS STRIKE
RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Bolz

Attached for approval is a letter to Mrs. Mildred Stegall of the White House Staff, enclosing a letterhead memorandum setting forth information pertaining to the Farm Workers Strike situation in Rio Grande City, Texas.

On the afternoon of 7/7/67, Mrs. Stegall contacted Mr. Donahoe in Mr. DeLoach's Office and stated that Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, is under the impression that the FBI investigated and prepared a report on a series of incidents involving farm workers in Rio Grande City, Texas. Mrs. Stegall was advised by Mr. Donahoe that he would check on it and a memorandum would be sent over.

Enclosed memorandum to be furnished Mrs. Stegall sets forth information as to the background of the strike situation in Rio Grande City, Texas, which had its origins in the Southern California area when the National Farm Workers Association in September, 1965, joined a strike against local grape growers. Inquiries conducted by the Bureau disclosed that the National Farm Workers Association was not controlled by communists, but some of its activities relative to the strike against the grape growers were communist supported.

In May, 1966, Eugene Nelson of the National Farm Workers Association was organizing farm workers in Rio Grande City, Texas, assisted by Charles McKinley Smith, [REDACTED] From 7/4/66 through Labor Day 9/5/66, about one-hundred members of the National Farm Workers Association marched from Rio Grande City to Austin, Texas, to

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Re: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE

protest low wages paid to grape pickers, and since that time the strikers have engaged in a number of protest marches, auto caravans, and other incidents which have received publicity in that area.

The Department and other agencies have been kept apprised on a current basis of developments obtained by the Bureau through sources and news media. No active investigation has been requested by the Department in connection with the strike situation under the Anti-Racketeering Statute. The civil rights investigations conducted of allegations against law enforcement officers arising out of the strike situation in Rio Grande City have all been completed and results submitted to the Department for consideration.

ACTION:

If approved, the attached letter to Mrs. Stegall with its enclosed letterhead memorandum will be forwarded.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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July 11, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

With reference to the conversation between Mr. Sterling B. Donahoe and you on July 7, 1967, forwarded herewith is a memorandum containing information relating to activities in connection with the strike of farm workers in the Rio Grande City, Texas, area which may be of interest.

While no active investigation has been requested by the Department of Justice in connection with the strike situation under the Anti-Racketeering Statute, the Department and other agencies have been kept apprised of information of interest to them on a current basis relative to developments obtained by this Bureau from sources and news media. In addition, this Bureau has conducted several civil rights investigations based on allegations of mistreatment as well as other deprivations of civil rights allegedly suffered by striking farm workers at the hands of law enforcement officers. The results of such investigations have been furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

The Attorney General has not been provided a copy of this communication.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this transmittal letter becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

Delivered to Mildred Stegall
on 7/11/67

Enclosure

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum, dated 7/10/67, captioned, "Activities Concerning Farm Workers Strike, Rio Grande City, Texas, Information Concerning," EJM:wjc.

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July 10, 1967

**ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE
RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS**

Background:

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that on September 8, 1965, the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, declared a strike against grape growers of Tulare and Kern Counties, California. On September 19, 1965, the National Farm Workers Association joined the strike. This action brought Mexican and Puerto Rican farm workers into the labor dispute. The purpose of the strike was to demand an increase in wages for the grape pickers. (100-444762-72)

In response to an allegation that various officials of the National Farm Workers Association in the Delano, California, area had subversive backgrounds, inquiries were made by this Bureau which disclosed that while the union was not Communist controlled, Communist Party members or sympathizers had furnished support to certain activities concerning the strike against grape growers in California. (100-444762-48, 32)

During May and June of 1966, Eugene Nelson of the National Farm Workers Association was organizing farm workers in the Rio Grande City, Texas, area. Nelson reportedly had previously been active in organizing grape pickers in Delano, California. During the first few days of organizing activity in Rio Grande City, Nelson was assisted by Charles McKinley Smith. Smith is a resident of Austin, Texas.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum, dated 7/10/67, captioned, "Activities Concerning Farm Workers Strike, Rio Grande City, Texas, Information Concerning," EJW:wjc.
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**ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE
RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS**

On July 4, 1966, about one-hundred members of the National Farm Workers Association began a march at Rio Grande City, Texas, which was terminated on Labor Day, September 5, 1966, at Austin, Texas. The purpose of this march was to protest low wages paid to migrant farm workers. (100-444762-44,73)

On October 24, 1966, Eugene Nelson and a group of strikers proceeded to the center of the International Bridge spanning the Rio Grande River between Roma, Texas, and Ciudad Miguel Aleman, Mexico, where they stopped vehicles carrying farm laborers into the United States thus blocking traffic. Nelson was arrested after which about fifteen members of the group lay down on the bridge completely blocking traffic, and they were also arrested. (100-444762-74,75)

During 1966, the National Farm Workers Association merged with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee and retained the latter name.

On February 1, 1967, the Starr County Sheriff's Office, Rio Grande City, Texas, arrested ten individuals on charges of disturbing the peace when they entered the La Casita Farms and harassed non-union workers. Reportedly two of those arrested were connected with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC). Subsequently, during the spring and summer of 1967, there has been a series of incidents including the alleged harassment of non-union workers by members of the UFWOC. In one incident in May of 1967, Eugene Nelson was arrested at Rio Grande City, Texas, after he allegedly threatened Texas Rangers by stating there would be some dead rangers unless they left the UFWOC pickets alone. Nelson was jailed in lieu of a two-thousand-dollar bond. (100-444762-104)

The Department of Justice and other government agencies have been kept apprised of pertinent information regarding this situation of interest to them which has come to the attention of this Bureau through news media and other sources. No investigation under the Anti-Racketeering Statute has been requested by the Department in connection with this situation. However, a number of civil rights inquiries have been conducted based on complaints of alleged mistreatment and denial of civil rights by law enforcement officials in connection with the strike situation in the Rio Grande City, Texas, area. The results of these investigations are summarized hereunder.

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TO : MR. DeLOACH

FROM : S. B. DONAHOE

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE
RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

By letter July 11, 1967, we furnished Mrs. Stegall at the White House a memorandum tracing the background of the situation in connection with the strike of farm workers in the Rio Grande City, Texas area. Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, had indicated an interest in such data.

Mrs. Stegall called from the White House this morning to express appreciation for the memorandum. She advised that Mr. Watson, in reviewing it, had noted that during the early days of the organizing activity in Rio Grande City, Charles M. Smith, was a participant. Smith was described as a resident of Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Stegall advised that Mr. Watson had requested that the Bureau furnish him additional data as to the background of Smith, his participation in subversive activities and the extent of his participation in the situation at Rio Grande City.

ACTION:

The Domestic Intelligence Division is preparing appropriate data.

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NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTION,
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INFORMATION CONCERNING.

[REDACTED] ADVISED INSTANT
SIX UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS, THREE WHITE MALES, THREE WHITE FEMALES,
WERE OBSERVED PASSING OUT PAMPHLETS IN VICINITY OF FEDERAL
BUILDING, DEARBORN AND ADAMS, CHICAGO, FROM FIVE THIRTY PM TO
SIX THIRTY PM. PURPOSE OF PAMPHLETS WAS TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC TO
WRITE SECRETARY OF LABOR WIRTZ OR ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK
PROTESTING ATTEMPT BY CALIFORNIA GROWERS TO BREAK FARM WORKERS
UNION THROUGH USE OF MEXICAN NATIONALS, ALIENS WITH WORK PERMITS.

AREA REMAINED PEACEFUL, NO INCIDENTS.

USA, MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE, ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-444762)

FROM LOS ANGELES (100-67449) (P) 2P

COMINFIL OF UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - AFL-CIO,
DELANO, CALIF., IS-C.

FOR ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS DURING A.M. TODAY,
CESAR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR, UFWOC*, AND ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY
UNION MEMBERS PICKETED FRONT ENTRANCE OF FEDERAL BUILDING,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIF, CARRYING SIGNS RE CURRENT STRIKE AT
SIUMARRA FARMS, INC., EDISON, CALIF.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-42662) (C)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION,
PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTION, FEDERAL
BUILDING, DEARBORN AND ADAMS,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Chicago teletype to Director dated 8/10/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Inasmuch as this is a single incident, no further investigation will be conducted by the Chicago Office.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished to the U.S. Attorney, Chicago, U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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Chicago, Illinois
August 11, 1967

NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION,
PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTION, FEDERAL
BUILDING, DEARBORN AND ADAMS,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 10, 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] unknown individuals, three white males and three white females, were observed passing out pamphlets in the vicinity of the Federal Building from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. He stated the purpose of the pamphlets was to encourage the public to write Secretary of Labor Wirtz or Attorney General Clark protesting attempt by California growers to break Farm Workers Union through the use of Mexican nationals, aliens, with work permits. [REDACTED] also advised that there were no disturbances or incidents, and that to his knowledge no arrests were made.

Attached herewith is a copy of the throwaway pamphlet passed out during the above period.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois

U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group,
Evanston, Illinois

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**MEXICAN NATIONALS ARE BREAKING THE DELANO STRIKE OF THE UNITED
FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, AFL-CIO !!**

After being on strike since September 1965 and after winning three major contracts, the Delano farm workers must contend with thousands of illegal strike breakers. The powerful California growers, are attempting to break the strike with Mexican Nationals. Right now they are recruiting "green card holders," aliens with work permits, in Calexico, California. Once across the border, they will be sent to Delano's grape fields.

On July 10, 1967 a Justice Department regulation (Number 8CFR211.1 to Public Law 414, the Naturalization and Immigration Act of 1952) prohibited the use of green card holders when the Secretary of Labor declared a labor dispute exists. The California Labor Department, an agent of the U.S. Labor Department, has certified that bona fide labor disputes exist in Delano.

This attempt by growers to break a union must be stopped. Won't you please help by telegraphing or writing Secretary of Labor Wirtz c/o U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C. or Attorney General Ramsey Clark c/o U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. or contact your Congressman. This could mean the life or death of the Delano Movement. We need your help to secure justice for the workers in the fields. Please help us before it is too late.

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Via AIRTELREGISTERED AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-67449)(P)
SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF UNITED FARM WORKERS
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
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DELANO, CALIFORNIA
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Re Los Angeles tel to Bureau, 8/10/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and six copies of LHM entitled "PICKETING OF FEDERAL BUILDING, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 10, 1967, BY UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, AFL - CIO."

One copy each of LHM is being forwarded to U.S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, and Region II, 115th MI Group, Pasadena, California, and USA, Sacramento.

No further action being taken in this matter.

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Los Angeles, California
August 11, 1967

PICKETING OF FEDERAL BUILDING
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA,
AUGUST 10, 1967, BY UNITED
FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE,
AFL - CIO

Between approximately 9:20 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., August 10, 1967, approximately 150 persons representing the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, (hereinafter referred to as UFWOC), main headquarters, Delano, California, appeared at the main entrance to the Federal Building, 800 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and began an orderly and peaceful picket operation lead by Cesar Chavez, Director of UFWOC. Participants carried picket signs, some of which read "Huelga, Giumarra, UFWOC-AFL-CIO," "Wet Backs Break our Strike," "Throw Out Wet Back Scabs," "Imigrate Enforce the Law," and "Justice Now for Foreign Workers."

Members of the Bakersfield Police Department were notified and on hand, but there were no incidents in connection with the picketing and all activity ceased when the participants left the vicinity of the Federal Building at 10:45 a.m., August 10, 1967.

Approximately one week ago, UFWOC went on strike at Giumarra Farms, Inc., of Edison, California, and currently maintain picket lines at this location, although a recent local court injunction has limited the number of participants in the picket line at any given time. The purpose of the strike is allegedly to force Giumarra to recognize UFWOC as the bargaining agent for farmyard and packing shed workers.

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PICKETING OF FEDERAL BUILDING, BAKERSFIELD,
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Intelligence Group, Bakersfield, is aware of this matter.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269) (P)

RE: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING
FARM WORKERS' STRIKE AT
RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven
copies of an LHM captioned as above which are suitable
for dissemination.

Inasmuch as information contained in LHM
represents part of a continuing political-labor dispute,
San Antonio is following through established sources.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

August 15, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS'
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

■ The August 14, 1967, edition of The Valley Evening Monitor, a daily newspaper published at McAllen, Texas, carries an article captioned "PASO Calls For End To Rangers, Connally Defeat", which article states that at a convention of the Political Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations (PASO) at Austin, Texas, on August 13, 1967, a resolution was adopted opposing the renomination of Texas Governor John Connally for a fourth term. The resolution stated Governor Connally sent Texas Rangers to the Rio Grande Valley to serve as "strike breaking thugs" in the farm labor dispute there, and the Rangers have shown they lack the necessary intelligence required to deal with human beings.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, San Antonio (Your file 62-3269) DATE: 8/10/67

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-444762)
Room No. 904 9&D

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(For SOG use
only) Bufile 100-444762

SUBJECT: UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE (UFWOC)
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reurairtel 5/27/67

- ☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

☒ Matter represents legitimate labor - Political Rights and being
followed through established sources. Airtel 8/15/67
Submitted 8/15/67.

- ☐ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ submitted
☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☐ will be submitted

Reporting employee SA [REDACTED]

- ☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted

- ☒ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☒ Investigation ☐ Prosecution in TX
☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo
☐ 5. Submit ☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter by (Date)

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

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Date: 8/29/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269)(P)
RE: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS' STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

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Since information contained in LHM represents part
of a continuing labor-political dispute, it is being followed
through established sources.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 7)(RM)
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 (2 - 62-3269)
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2cc RAO CRIM. DIV. by O-6D
1cc LABOR DESK, TICKLER

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

August 29, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS' STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

The August 27, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on page one captioned, "Farm Union Official Who Accused Texas Rangers Held in Marijuana Case", which article states that Magdaleno Dimas, an official of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), was being held in jail in Torreon, Mexico, on a charge of possession of marijuana.

The article states Dimas and another member of the UFWOC, Oracio Carrillo, of Corpus Christi, Texas, were arrested in a hotel room at Torreon, Mexico, the night of August 23, 1967, with 26 small packets of marijuana in their possession.

Gilbert Padilla, Vice President of the UFWOC at Rio Grande City, Texas, according to the article, had stated that Union will probably consider Dimas' arrest a personal matter unless he was arrested illegally or the drugs were planted.

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12:06 PM URGENT 9/1/67 DAW

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (62-3269)(P)

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE, RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS. MISCELLANEOUS-INFORMATION CONCERNING.

TODAY

ADVISED ON EVENING AUGUST THIRTYONE, LAST, RALLY WAS
HELD AT NEW BRAUNFELS, TO CREATE INTEREST IN MARCH TO AUSTIN,
TEXAS, STARTING SEPTEMBER ONE, INSTANT, TO DRAMATIZE NEED TO
RAISE STANDARD OF LIVING OF WORKERS IN RIO GRANDE VALLEY IN
TEXAS. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED PERSONS ATTENDED THIS RALLY.

SHORTLY AFTER SEVEN AM TODAY, THE MARCHERS LEFT NEW
BRAUNFELS, EN ROUTE TO AUSTIN. MARCH CONSISTED OF SOME TWELVE
PERSONS. MARCH WILL CONCLUDE LABOR DAY IN AUSTIN, TEXAS,
WHERE RALLY IS PLANNED.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PRESENT.
SECRET SERVICE COGNIZANT. LHM FOLLOWS.

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Date: 9/1/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269)(P)

RE: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: San Antonio

Re San Antonio teletype to the Bureau 9/1/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of an LHM
suitable for dissemination.

Local dissemination has been made to Secret Service,
San Antonio and Austin; NISO; OSI; and 112th Military Intelli-
gence Group.

Since this march represents a part of a continuing
labor-political dispute, it is being followed through esta-
blished sources.

The Bureau will be kept advised by LHM; however, if
any incidents occur, the Bureau will be advised by teletype.

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4 - San Antonio
(3 - 62-3269)
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57 Bishop
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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

"It may have swelled to 200 before the night was over.

"The rally was set to whip up interest in the march starting at 7 a.m. Friday in New Braunfels and winding up Labor Day in Austin.

Among speakers Andrade said would be on hand who didn't show were San Antonio's State Sen. Joe Bernal, former State Sen. Franklin Spears, Fr. Antonio Gonzalez, one of the leaders of last year's march, and Dr. Hector Garcia, founder of the American G. I. Forum. In fact, Andrade and Rev. James Navarro, the other leader of the 1966 march which wound up with a massive rally in Austin, were left to perform the speaking chores.

"Andrade unveiled two huge granite markers, one proclaiming 'Here Lies The Arrogance of the Texas Governor, Sept. 1, 1966,' and the other reading 'Es Mejor Morir de Pie que Vivir de Rodillas!' (It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees.) The first inscription referred to Gov. John Connally's and former Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr's confrontation with the marchers in New Braunfels in 1966.

"Andrade explained to the crowd that both Bernal and Spears had told him they would be present.

"Ruben Ruiz, state chairman of the American GI Forum, told the group he could not at this time commit the Forum to the march. Mike Ferdin, a member of the GI Forum and also a representative of the Bexar County Equal Employment Opportunity Council, retorted that was the first time the Forum was unable to commit itself to a cause of benefit to the Mexican-American people, and he assured that there would be representatives of the BCEEOC on the march.

"The Forum failure to stand with the marchers, which position may be changed as the march progresses, also triggered Fr. Sherrill Smith to remark that he's a member

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"One last little thing, my brothers,' Smith asserted. 'Until you get over being afraid of your own shadows, you're going to be walking in the shadows.' Smith did not make a speech.

"Navarro, who got out of a sick bed to attend the meeting and left afterwards for a hospital and blood transfusion, told his listeners they should register to vote in 1968. He described the poll tax as a shotgun for bear hunting.

"Navarro implored supporters not to let the spirit of the march die, and he described the march of 1966 as 'the greatest thing the Mexican-Americans ever had in the state of Texas.'

"Reporting he is not an advocate of violence, Navarro said violence is not the pathway to freedom and to social, political, and economic justice. He added the Mexican-American wants advancement and progress and knows he can secure it within the framework of the law of the land. He said the 1966 march was a virtual revolution in

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

"that it kindled hope and caused elected officials to become more representative. Navarro discounted any significance in the relatively small crowd at the rally, pointing out the 1966 march started with only a handful and wound up with 20,000 to 25,000 at the Austin rally.

Among other groups represented were the Political Association of Spanish-Speaking Organizations, Lulac Council No. 2, and the Federation for the Advancement of the Mexican-American. Among other San Antonians present were Pete Tijerina, Tom Cahill, Laverne Redwine, and Joe Guerra, Jr., vice-chairman of the Bexar County Republican Party. New Braunfels Mayor Elliot Knox welcomed the group to the city.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269)(P)

RE: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE - RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING ASSOCIATION

OO: San Antonio

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau 9/1/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter suitable for dissemination.

Local dissemination has been made to Secret Service, San Antonio and Austin, NISO, OSI, and 112th Military Intelligence Group.

Information copies furnished Albuquerque and Chicago inasmuch as enclosed LHM referred to REYES TIJERINA of the Federal Alliance of Free City States in New Mexico as having attended the Conference for New Politics at Chicago, Illinois.

- ③ - Bureau (Encls 10)(RM)
- 4 - Albuquerque (Info) (RM)
- (1 - [redacted]) (1 - [redacted])
- (1 - 100-Federal Alliance of Free City States in New Mexico) 13 SEP 1967
- 2 - Chicago (Info)(RM)
- (1 - 100-Conference for New Politics)
- 4 - San Antonio
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- (2 - 62-3269)

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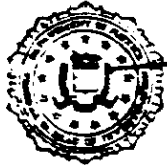
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

September 5, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE,
CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

Reference is made to FBI San Antonio memorandum dated September 1, 1967, captioned as above.

The September 5, 1967, issue of The Austin American, a daily newspaper at Austin, Texas, in an article entitled "Marchers Claiming 'Sell Out'" set forth in part that the Mexican-American marchers seeking a minimum wage law claimed a "sell out" by some of their own leaders as they staged a second Labor Day rally at the Capital; that Erasmo Andrade, the final rally speaker, stated "They've proven by their absence that they have sold out to the sources who want to elect Big John (Governor John Connally) to a fourth term"; that Andrade, head of the San Antonio Valley Farm Workers Committee, lead the fortyseven mile, four day hike from New Braunfels to Austin; and that GI Forum, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), and the Texas AFL-CIO, all principal sponsors of the 1966 march, failed to support this year's demonstration.

The above article also set forth that Mike Ferdin of San Antonio, a member of the Bexar County Employment Opportunity Council, stated, "You have found out today who your true leaders are and who has been pulling the wool over your eyes. They are not here for one excuse or another, but the real reason is they are politically committed. Don't listen to those who are not here today or you will be marching again next year. Ferdin later said he was referring to the above mentioned groups who did not participate in this year's rally.

The article continued that a much-applauded speaker was Reies Tijerina, leader of the Federal Alliance

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STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
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of Free City States in New Mexico, a group of Spanish-Americans who assert they are heirs to millions of acres in the Southwest due to old Spanish land grants; that Tijerina, who spoke in Spanish, said he and his brother Cristobal stopped in Austin while en route home from Chicago where they were delegates to the Conference for New Politics.

The article concluded by indicating that the march began Friday (September 1, 1967) with only fourteen walkers braving the humid weather with occasional rain; that about fifty reached the Austin city limits on Sunday; and that more than two hundred persons walked the last few blocks down Congress Avenue in downtown Austin to the Capital on Monday.

No incidents were reported.

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RE: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM captioned as above which are suitable for dissemination.

Inasmuch as this matter represents a continuing labor-political dispute, it is being followed through established sources.

2cc RAO CRIM. DIV. by O-CD
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

September 8, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The September 7, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on its front page captioned, "Farm Union Ousts Marijuana Case" which article states that on September 6, 1967, the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee at Rio Grande City, Texas, had voted to expel two union members, Madgalena Dimas and Horacio Carillo, who had been recently arrested in Torreon, Mexico, on a marijuana charge.

The article states Dimas has entered a guilty plea on the marijuana charge and has cleared Carillo of any involvement. Carillo has been ordered to Mexico City by Mexican officials for possible deportation as an undesirable.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269)(P)
RE: ~~ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS~~
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau 9/8/67.

Enclosed to the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM captioned as above which are suitable for dissemination.

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1cc LABOR DESK, TICKLER

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Approved: Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

September 14, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to FBI San Antonio memorandum dated September 5, 1967, captioned as above.

• The September 12, 1967, issue of the San Antonio Light, San Antonio, Texas, a daily newspaper, carried the following front page article:

"Farm Workers Oust President

"The Valley Farm Workers State Assistance Committee -- irked at a restaging of the minimum wage march on the state capital -- has kicked President Erasmo Andrada, San Antonio, out of office, it was announced today.

"AFL-CIO Equal Opportunity Director Henry Munoz Jr. said the committee took the action over the weekend because of the 'fiasco' Labor Day march and the invitation by Andrade to Reies Tijerina of New Mexico to appear."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/18/67

FROM : *My* SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF UNITED FARM WORKERS
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
AFL - CIO
DELANO, CALIFORNIA
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Bufile No: 100-444762
Los Angeles File No: 100-67449
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Due to the opening of the Sacramento Office, the following action is being taken in the captioned matter:

A. LOCATION OF FILE

1. (X) Entire file transferred to Sacramento herewith.
2. () File transferred to Sacramento except one copy of following serials retained at Los Angeles:
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B. OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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C. COPIES MADE AND INITIALS

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TO DIRECTOR (100-444762)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (62-3269) 2 P

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR DE LOACH.

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS,
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE MY TELEPHONE CALL TODAY TO [REDACTED] AT THE BUREAU.

THE TWENTYFIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE INVOLV-
ING ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED STATE LAW MAKERS, IS PRESENTLY MEETING
AT LA VILLITA ASSEMBLY HALL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

NEWS MEDIA INDICATES THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON WHO IS AT HIS
RANCH, WILL ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE THIS EVENING. EX-103

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION
IN THE PAST, TODAY, ADVISED A GROUP OF MEXICAN-AMERICANS WHO ARE
INTERESTED IN RAISING THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF ALL MEXICAN-AMERICANS
INCLUDING THE FARM WORKERS IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, PLAN TO
PICKET THE CONFERENCE AT SEVEN P.M. TODAY. MR. JIM JONES, PRES-
IDENTIAL ASSISTANT WITH THE PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS SECRET SERVICE,

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MR DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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AUSTIN AND SAN ANTONIO, AND SAN ANTONIO P.D. HAVE BEEN ADVISED.

~~MEMO~~
~~LHM~~ FOLLOWS.

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*Furnished to Agent
[REDACTED] Secret Service,
9/29/67 JCD*

CC MR. SULLIVAN

*to Bishop
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TO DIRECTOR (105-138315) (100-444762)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (105-3237) (62-3269)

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR DE LOACH

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS. MISCELLANEOUS--INFORMATION CONCERNING.

NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ACTIVITIES

REMYTEL TODAY.

AT EIGHT FIFTEEN PM, TEN PERSONS IN MEXICAN-AMERICAN
DEMONSTRATION, AND FIFTEEN PERSONS IN PEACE DEMONSTRATION.

AT EIGHT TWENTY ONE PM, PRESIDENT JOHNSON ARRIVED AT
LA VILLITA ASSEMBLY HALL. MEXICAN-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATORS
YELLED OUT "BOX THIRTEEN, BOX THIRTEEN", SIGNIFICANCE OF WHICH
IS UNKNOWN BUT MAY REFER TO INCIDENT IN CONNECTION WITH
PRESIDENT JOHNSONS EARLY CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION.

AT EIGHT FORTY THREE PM, TWENTY FOUR PERSONS IN
PEACE DEMONSTRATION.

AT NINE PM, PRESIDENT LEFT ASSEMBLY HALL. AS PRESIDENT
DROVE PAST PEACE DEMONSTRATORS, DEMONSTRATORS YELLED OUT
"STOP THE WAR" "STOP THE WAR".

AT NINE ZERO THREE PM DEMONSTRATIONS ENDED AFTER
PRESIDENT LEFT VICINITY. NO INCIDENTS. LOCAL AUTHORITIES
PRESENT AND COGNIZANT. LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-138315) (100-444762)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (105-3237) (62-3269)

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR DE LOACH

VIETNAM DEMONSTRATIONS

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National Association

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE

CITY, TEXAS, MISCELLANEOUS--INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE SA TEL TODAY.

AT ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY EIGHT PM SOME TEN OR FIFTEEN PERSONS SUPPORTING MEXICAN-AMERICANS OBSERVED ACROSS STREET FROM LA VELLITA ASSEMBLY HALL, CARRYING SUCH SIGNS AS "VIVA HUELGA MARCHA". (HURRAH STRIKER'S MARCH)

AT SEVEN FIFTY PM, TEN PEACE MARCHERS OBSERVED NEAR OTHER GROUP, CARRYING SUCH SIGNS AS "SAN ANTONIO COMMITTEE TO STOP WAR IN VIETNAM". AMONG THIS LATTER GROUP WERE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] CP SYMPATHIZERS AND [REDACTED] CP MEMBER [REDACTED], CP MEMBER OBSERVED IN VICINITY, BUT NOT ACTUALLY IN DEMONSTRATION.

NO INCIDENTS THUS FAR. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PRESENT AND COGNIZANT. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI PHOTO LABORATORY

DATE: 10/4/67

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
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Remytels to the Bureau 9/29/67 and San Antonio airtel and LHM 10/2/67 setting forth information regarding the demonstrations at La Villita Assembly Hall 9/29/67 during President LYNDON B. JOHNSON's speech.

Enclosed to the Bureau are 25 negatives of photographs taken during the demonstration. It is to be noted that these photographs are filed in San Antonio file 105-3237-1A3.

The Bureau is requested to make six (6) prints of each negative and return the prints and the negatives to San Antonio.

*Ask Mac k. Scott
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J.R. [Signature]

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October 11, 1967

Director, FBI

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
 STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
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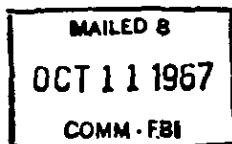
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Date: 10/2/67

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DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR
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FROM: *[Signature]* SAN ANTONIO

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
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MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Remytels to Bureau, 9/29/67.

Enclosed to the Bureau are 15 copies of an LHM
suitable for dissemination.

Copies have also been sent to Secret Service, San
Antonio; Secret Service, Austin; 112th INTC; OSI, 10th District;
and NISO, New Orleans.

It is to be noted that local authorities and Secret
Service were present throughout the demonstration and cognizant
of activities.

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In addition, it is to be noted that information contained in LHM was furnished to the following individuals with the President at the LBJ Ranch on 9/29/67, at the times indicated:

11:14 a.m., Mr. JIM JONES, Presidential Assistant

2:27 p.m., MARIE SECHMER, President's secretary at the LBJ Ranch, by SA [REDACTED]

It is to be noted that on the last contact with the ranch, Mr. JONES was in conference with the President at that time and Miss SECHMER indicated she would convey this message to Mr. JONES when he was available.

The Special Agents of the FBI observing the demonstration were SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] SAC W. MYERS COLE and SA [REDACTED], were in the San Antonio Office coordinating.

Inasmuch as the activity concerning the farm workers strike at Rio Grande City represents a continuing labor-political-religious dispute, it is being followed through established sources.

INFORMANTS

| <u>Identity of Source</u> | <u>File Where Located</u> |
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| SA T-1: [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| SA T-2: [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| SA T-3: [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] Documentation of [REDACTED] |
| SA T-4: [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] Documentation of [REDACTED] |

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SA [REDACTED]

Documentation of [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

Documentation of [REDACTED]

CLASSIFICATION

The enclosed LHM is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ inasmuch as it contains information from [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] who are informants of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in identification and compromise future effectiveness thereof.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas
October 2, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING UNITED STATES
INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM

The September 28, 1967, issue of the San Antonio Light, a San Antonio, Texas, daily newspaper, carries an article that the Twenty-first Annual National Legislative Conference involving 1,600 State law makers is presently meeting at La Villita Assembly Hall, San Antonio, Texas. The article points out that President Johnson was due in Texas for an aerial inspection of the floodstricken Rio Grande Valley.

According to the article, the President has been invited to address the National Legislative Conference.

The September 29, 1967, issue of the San Antonio Express, a San Antonio daily newspaper, carries a front page article that President Johnson will address the National Legislative Conference state dinner Friday evening, September 29, 1967. According to the article, the state dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. at La Villita Assembly Hall.

SA T-1 (9/29/67)

Source advised that a group of Mexican-Americans who were interested in raising the standard of living of all Mexican-Americans, including the farm workers in the Rio Grande Valley, plan to picket the National Legislative Conference starting at 7:00 p.m. on September 29, 1967, at La Villita Assembly Hall.

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STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY

The following persons were furnished the above information on September 29, 1967, at times indicated by Special Agent [REDACTED]

11:07 a.m., [REDACTED], U. S. Secret Service,
San Antonio, Texas

11:10 a.m., [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] San Antonio, Texas

* 12:05 p.m., [REDACTED] 112th Military
Intelligence Group, San Antonio

At 11:18 a.m., [REDACTED], Special Agent
in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, Austin, Texas, was advised
by Special Agent [REDACTED]

The September 29, 1967, issue of the San Antonio Light, supra, contains an article indicating that President Johnson will deliver a major address on the question of Vietnam before the Twenty-first Annual National Legislative Conference at La Villita Assembly Hall, San Antonio, on the night of September 29, 1967.

SA T-7 (9/29/67)

On September 29, 1967, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in
Vietnam (SACSWIV), advised that date she received a telephone
call from a representative of the United Texas Committees
to End the War in Vietnam. This call came from Austin, Texas.
The United Texas Committees to End the War in Vietnam is an
ad hoc collection of peace groups in Texas. [REDACTED] indicated
she has been asked to call the membership of the SACSWIV to
request them to take part in a demonstration on the evening of
September 29, 1967, at La Villita Assembly Hall during
President Johnson's speech.

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ACTIVITIES RE FARM WORKERS
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY

ELIZABETH LYTLE

SA T-3 (6/11/59)

[REDACTED]

NATIONAL GUARDIAN

"Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a 'progressive' weekly. ***** Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia." (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p. 12)

The Worker

The Worker is an East Coast communist newspaper.

SACSWIV

A characterization of the San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam is contained in the Appendix hereto.

SA T-3 (9/29/67)

This source can substantiate in part information furnished above by SA T-2.

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ACTIVITIES RE FARM WORKERS
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY

The following individuals were contacted on September 29, 1967, and furnished information set forth above attributed to SA T-2 by Special Agent [REDACTED]

1:52 p.m., [REDACTED], supra

2:07 p.m., [REDACTED], supra

2:12 p.m., [REDACTED], U. S. Secret Service,
San Antonio, Texas

At 2:28 p.m., [REDACTED], U. S. Secret Service,
Austin, Texas, was advised by Special Agent [REDACTED]

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the following in the vicinity of La Villita Assembly Hall, San Antonio, on the evening of September 29, 1967:

At about 7:38 p.m., 10 or 15 persons supporting the Mexican-Americans were observed congregating across the street from La Villita Assembly Hall carrying such signs as "Viva Huelga Marcha".

At 7:50 p.m., ten peace marchers were observed congregating near the other group, carrying such signs as "San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam." Among this latter group were [REDACTED]

At 8:05 p.m., 12 individuals were observed in the peace demonstration, including [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was observed in the vicinity of the peace marchers but was not actually in the demonstration.

At 8:15 p.m., 10 individuals were observed in the Mexican-American demonstration and 15 individuals observed in the peace demonstration.

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ACTIVITIES RE FARM WORKERS
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY

At 8:21 p.m. President Johnson arrived at La Villita Assembly Hall. As the President arrived, the Mexican-American demonstrators yelled out, "Box 13, Box 13".

At 8:25 p.m. [REDACTED] was observed in the peace demonstration. At that time there were 16 peace demonstrators and approximately 15 persons in the Mexican-American demonstration.

At 8:43 p.m. 24 individuals were observed in the peace demonstration and 10 individuals in the Mexican-American demonstration.

At 8:53 p.m. 23 individuals were observed in the peace demonstration. These individuals chanted, "Stop the war, stop the war."

At 9:00 p.m., President Johnson emerged from La Villita Assembly Hall and after entering his car, the car drove by the location where the peace demonstrators were standing and the peace demonstrators chanted louder, "Stop the war, stop the war."

At 9:03 p.m. both demonstrations terminated after the President left the vicinity.

There were no incidents.

SA P-2 (9/29/67)

Source advised that in addition to the above the following individuals took part in the peace demonstration:

[REDACTED] SACSWIV

[REDACTED] member, SACSWIV

SA T-5 (9/29/67)

In addition to the above, source advised that [REDACTED] was observed in the vicinity of the peace demonstration but did not actually take part in the demonstration.

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ACTIVITIES RE FARM WORKERS
STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY

Source also advised that during the demonstration [REDACTED] was somewhat upset due to the fact that she had called many people to participate in the peace demonstration and these people indicated that they would. However, many of the people she called did not show up.

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STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY

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SAN ANTONIO COMMITTEE TO STOP
THE WAR IN VIETNAM (SACSWIV)
Post Office Box 2142
San Antonio, Texas

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A source advised that on January 26, 1967, an organizational meeting of a new group to be known as the San Antonio Committee to End the War in Vietnam was held in the Texas Room of the Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

Plans for forming this group were initiated and coordinated by John Stanford of San Antonio, Texas. Stanford provided the majority of the names and addresses of persons who were sent letters inviting them to attend this meeting. Stanford helped to compose the preamble and draw up the constitution of the committee. Stanford used the constitution of the Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA) as a guide for the constitution of this committee.

On February 28, 1967, the name of the organization was changed to San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam (SACSWIV).

A second source advised that the constitution was presented in rough draft form at the first meeting on January 26, 1967, amended at that meeting and at the next meeting, and finally adopted at the February 28, 1967 meeting of the organization.

The preamble of the constitution reads as follows:

"Believing that peace is of vital importance to everyone, we have formed a group that will offer an opportunity to study and promote the achievement of a world without war. Peace is above political, economic, racial, or religious distinctions. We welcome into our organization the individual concerned with life instead of death, with health instead of injury, with building instead of destroying, with development instead of degradation, with

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SAN ANTONIO COMMITTEE TO
STOP THE WAR IN VIETNAM

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"humane instead of barbaric acts. The war in Vietnam makes imperative the immediate organization of a peace group in San Antonio. Peace must win, or we will sacrifice ourselves, our children and grandchildren to a senseless military machine never before equalled. The insane waste of war and preparations for nuclear war will create the eventual destruction of all humanity if not stopped. PEACE MUST WIN!!!"

A third source advised that on May 29, 1966, at the Texas CP Convention held at San Antonio, Texas, John Stanford was elected chairman of the CP of Texas. On June 26, 1966, during the 18th National CP Convention, Stanford was elected a member of the National Committee, CPUSA.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Antonio, Texas

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J. P. A.

October 2, 1967

Title ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
 WORKERS' STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE
 CITY, TEXAS

 DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING
 UNITED STATES INTERVENTION
 IN VIETNAM

Character

Reference San Antonio memorandum dated
 and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SA T-6 who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information.

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UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762) DATE: 11/29/67

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269) (P*)

SUBJECT: ALTA
ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: SA

Re San Antonio let to the Bureau, 10/4/67.

Due to Hurricane Beulah, which severely damaged the Rio Grande Valley, on 9/20/67, and resulting floods, there has been little agricultural activity in that region. Since almost all crops were destroyed by the storm, the seasonal influx of farm workers has not occurred and, therefore, no strike activity has been initiated at Rio Grande City, Texas.

The next scheduled agricultural season is the melon crop June, 1968.

UACB, San Antonio is placing this matter in a pending inactive status for three months.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269)(P*).

RE: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

OO: San Antonio

Re San Antonio letter to the Bureau 11/29/67,
indicating that San Antonio was placing this case in a
pending inactive status.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM
captioned as above which are suitable for dissemination.

Inasmuch as this matter represents a continuing
labor-political-religious dispute, it is being followed
through established sources and news media.

San Antonio will continue to carry this case in a
pending inactive status.

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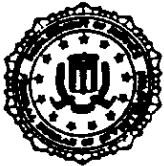
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No

San Antonio, Texas

December 22, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The December 21, 1967, issue of the San Antonio Light, a San Antonio, Texas, daily newspaper, carried the following article.

P. A. 12-21-67
"Dope Charge Filed on Farm Activist"

"Benito Rodriguez, 27, of 158 Gladstone, active last spring in the Rio Grande Valley farm labor movement, was in jail Thursday in lieu of \$10,000 bond after being charged with unlawfully receiving, concealing and transporting marijuana.

"Customs agents reported they arrested Rodriguez Tuesday on a downtown San Antonio street.

"Four pounds of marijuana, which he allegedly brought illegally into the United States, was confiscated.

"Rodriguez was jailed in lieu of bond after a hearing before U.S. Commissioner Frank Baskin.

"Rodriguez took part in the activities in Starr County last spring of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO.

"Another farm union organizer, Magdaleno Dimas, was convicted in Mexico earlier this year for possession of marijuana. The union has canceled his membership."

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM : *gag* SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269) (P)

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO
GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

* OO: SAN ANTONIO

DATE: 3/13/68

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 12/22/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM reflecting information received regarding new activities of Reverend EDGAR ALLEN KRUEGER, KATHY BAKER, and FROBEN LOZADA, at Donna, Texas.

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SAN ANTONIO

AT DONNA, TEXAS. Will follow closely activities of subjects.

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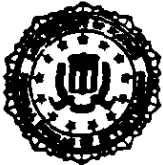
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

March 13, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On March 12, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that recently Reverend Edgar Allen Krueger, Kathy Baker, and Froben Lozada established at Donna, Texas, in the old Donna Hotel an office allegedly under the auspices of the Texas Council of Churches. The name of their particular organization is the Valley Community Service and they occasionally distribute free groceries to needy Mexican-American families and disseminate VISTA literature.

A membership drive by Krueger, Baker, and Lozada is recruiting many Mexican-American high school students and some adults from the general area. Meetings are held each Friday night and each member is paid \$1.00 monthly as encouragement to attend the meetings.

[REDACTED] has advised him that in the meetings the group discusses general abuse and discrimination of the Mexican-American element by "Anglo"-Americans and by the Federal Government. Frequent reference is made in the meetings to the successful unity of Mexican-Americans in the Rio Grande City, Texas strike of 1967.

[REDACTED] stated that other local high school students whom he knows to be members will not discuss the organization in any way and [REDACTED] has provided the above information confidentially and reluctantly. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that as the membership (which he did not estimate) grows, the organization is being divided into "councils" of 16 members each.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 1
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269) (P)

RE: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: SA

Re San Antonio letter to the Bureau dated 3/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM reflecting information received regarding activities of Reverend EDGAR ALLEN KRUEGER, and FROBEN LOZADA.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are two clippings from a high school civics class film, "Anarchy, U.S.A." furnished by [redacted] on 4/26/68, containing photographs of a Negro speaker identified by [redacted].

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AT DONNA and SAN JUAN, TEXAS: Will continue to follow activities of individuals referred to herein.

Information copies of this communication are being furnished Miami, Jacksonville, and Tampa in view of their possible interest in this matter, along with one copy of LHM.

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- 1-Tampa (Info.) (Enc. 1) (RM)
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AGENCY: G-2, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.,

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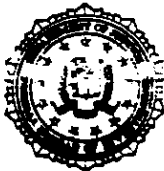
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

In Reply, Please Refer to
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April 30, 1968

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS

Continuous weekly contacts were maintained
with [REDACTED]

It is noted
that information furnished by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
was supplied by [REDACTED]

It is further noted that [REDACTED]
has become active in the Valley Community Service, an
organization established by Reverend Edgar Allen Krueger
and Froben Lozada at Donna, Texas, and subsequently moved
on April 17, 1968, to San Juan, Texas. Weekly meetings
were formerly held at the group's office at the old Donna,
Texas, Hotel and at the Assembly of God Church, Donna,
Texas.

Contacts with the above individuals developed
the following information:

The organization, sponsored by the Texas Council
of Churches, for the assistance of the poor Mexican-American
population in south Texas, is also ostensibly sponsored by
the VISTA organization under a project described as
"VISTA Minority Mobilization Project for Texas." Headquarters,
Southwest Regional Office of VISTA, Manager, Bill Hale,
San Antonio, Texas. Actually in charge of the local project
at Donna, Texas, is Reverend Krueger, a resident of Pharr,
Texas, who received much help from Froben Lozada, a Donna,
Texas, resident. The organization's avowed objective is to
establish chapters similar to the Donna, Texas, chapter at
Pharr, Rio Grande City, Bluetown, Gainesville, Santa Rosa,
San Benito, Elsa, Santa Maria, Laredo, Santa Cruz, Laferia
and Harlingen, Texas.

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CITY, TEXAS

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President of the Donna chapter is Pablo Diaz, age 50. Vice president is Brigida Castillo, female, 40 years of age. Second vice president is Jose Escamilla. Treasurer is Joe De la Rosa. Susan Lau, an "Anglo," described as a white female American, age 20, reddish-blond long hair, 5'5" tall and always wearing a necklace of shells, is very active in the local group as is (First Name Unknown)

[REDACTED] who is presently residing at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he knows very little or nothing about VISA but is in south Texas to help the poor and to participate in any future "marches."

A. APPROX

Members of the group, including Froben Lozada and Reverend Breger, attended "La Raza Unita" meeting at Laredo, Texas, on March 24, 1968, to hear Senator Edward Kennedy speak.

Other members of the Donna chapter, Jose Escamilla, Joe De la Rosa, and three others, left Donna, Texas, at 4:00 a.m. March 24, 1968, and drove to Bartow, Tallahassee, Florida, and another unknown city in Broward County, Florida, to attend meetings. At these meetings in Florida, they spoke with many school teachers, two teachers from Missouri, two teachers from Washington, D.C., and many teachers from Florida. Several Negro speakers, using an anti-white theme, spoke to them in the different Florida locations, exact cities, meeting places and dates unknown. The strike of the Florida teachers was a prominent topic of discussion. It was last year's farm labor strike at Rio Grande City, Texas. Many of the speakers in Florida, identities unknown, allegedly stated they would come to San Antonio and Austin, Texas, next year to assist in teacher strikes there. The Donna, Texas, chapter group returned home on March 29, 1968.

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CITY, TEXAS

[redacted] and [redacted] have advised that copies of a Spanish language newspaper, "Inferno," are distributed frequently at the local meetings and described the newspaper as an anti-war, sometimes anti-"Anglo" newspaper. They also stated that Reverend Krueger, Froben Lozada and Susan Lau speak frequently of Cathy Baker, a San Antonio girl who helps the group but neither [redacted] nor [redacted] has met her or seen her at a meeting. They described Froben Lozada as vehement in his opposition to the Vietnam War, the Federal Government, and "Anglos" who abuse the Mexican-Americans and Negroes. Lozada frequently reminds the group that Mexican-Americans and Negroes are dying in Vietnam at a much greater rate than white Americans.

On April 26, 1968, during the showing of a film "Anarchy, U.S.A." in the civics class of [redacted] Donna High School, Donna, Texas, [redacted] identified one of the Negro speakers in the film as being identical to one of the speakers his group heard during one of the above-described meetings in Florida. The film, a few hours later, was destroyed on the projector by an unknown individual at the Donna, Texas, High School.

[redacted] and [redacted] both emphasized that the chapter officers seem to be mere figureheads and that Reverend Krueger and Froben Lozada supervise the group almost entirely.

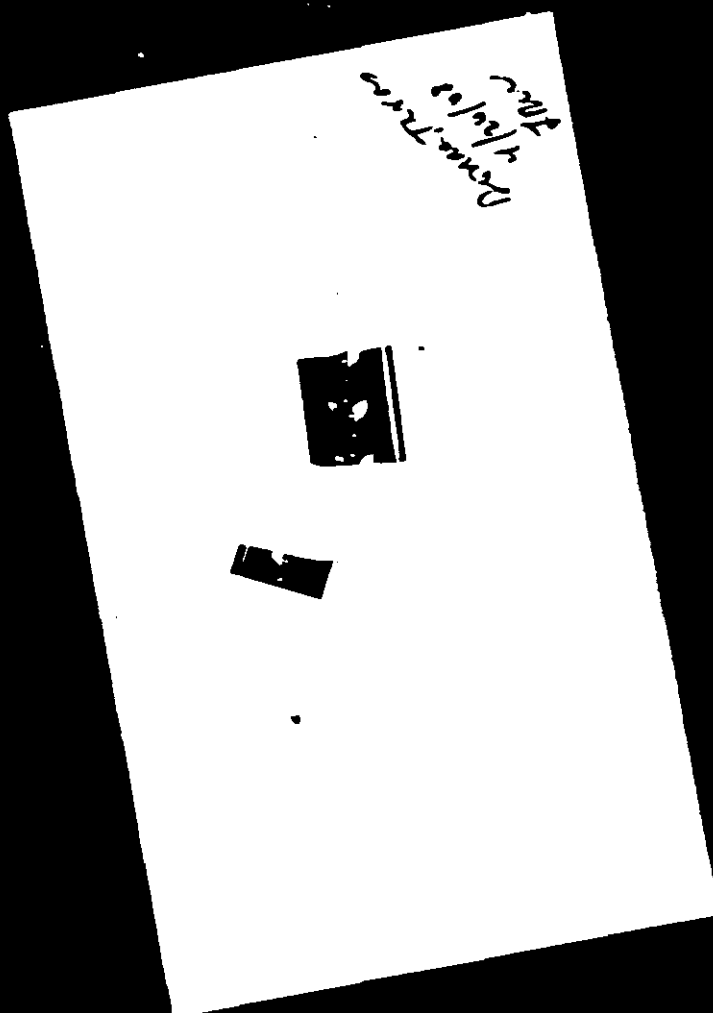
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Enclosed are two photos of Negro speaker
from a clipping from a high school civics
class film.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444702)

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269)(P)

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: San Antonio

DATE: 5/15/68

Re San Antonio letter to the Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM reflecting information received in captioned matter. One copy of this LHM is enclosed for information of Tampa.

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San Antonio, Texas

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was discontinuing his association with the Donna, Texas, chapter of the Valley Community Service because [REDACTED] and the adverse publicity he received after [REDACTED] issued a handbill. The handbill, he stated, denounced the Vietnam war and accused white Americans of being responsible for the slaughter of Mexican-Americans and Negroes in Vietnam and for the murder of Rev. Martin Luther King. Lozada stated he was leaving Texas because freedom of speech no longer exists in that state and intends to go to California where an individual can honestly express himself. [REDACTED]

On May 3, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that the telephone number for the Valley Community Service, recently moved to San Juan, Texas, is ST 7-5421 and the address is 103 West Fifth St. [REDACTED] noted that the organization is also often referred to by its members as the Valley Service Committee and Colonias del Valle. [REDACTED] noted that Jose de la Rosa resigned his position as treasurer of the organization and is quite disgruntled because he believes Rev. Edgar Krueger and Froben Lozada were "leading him on" and were not going to help him join VISTA. [REDACTED] further noted that many of the members of the Valley Community Service joined that group because they believed it was affiliated with, or was a prerequisite for, VISTA. [REDACTED] also advised that Jose de la Rosa had informed him that when he and four other members of the group made the recent Florida trip, they had gone to the Florida Christian Migrant Minority Office at Bartow, Florida, where Rev. Ben Fraticelli was director. [REDACTED] stated that De la Rosa was very confusing in his description of the Florida trip

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STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
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and had also told [REDACTED] that Reverend Fraticelli was located at 100 Liberty Avenue, Orlando, Florida. At these sites, the group, with similar groups from Missouri, Washington, D.C., and Florida discussed the Rio Grande City, Texas, farm workers' strike, teachers' strikes in Florida, and potential future teachers' strikes in Missouri and San Antonio and Dallas, Texas.

[REDACTED] further stated that Reverend Nehemias (Ned) Garcia, formerly of the Second Presbyterian Church at Harlingen, Texas, had joined the Valley Community Service as a representative of the Migrant Minority Department of the Texas Council of Churches. [REDACTED] stated that Reverend Garcia has a wife and four children and now resides at McAllen, Texas, and is being used by the organization as a frequent speaker at invitational dinners and meetings. Reverend Garcia and Leo Nieto were the chapter's representatives for the funeral of Martin Luther King at Atlanta, Georgia.

On May 8, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that Froben Lozada departed Donna, Texas, on May 6, 1968 en route to the San Francisco, California. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that the Valley Community Service was sending representatives to the Poor People's March on Washington, D. C., and has issued a call for volunteer vehicles and individuals. He emphasized to her that the struggle of the Negro is the struggle of the Mexican and predicted that both would eventually be victorious.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (157-NEW)

POSSIBLE PICKETING OF U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY
CLARK BY UNITED FARM WORKERS, MAY TWENTY-NINE, NEXT, SAN
FRANCISCO, CALIF.: RM 94324C 114150

[REDACTED]

ON MAY TWENTY-TWO, LAST, ADVISED THAT ONE FRANK BYER, WHO
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF CESAR CHAVEZ,
DIRECTOR OF UNITED FARM WORKERS, AFL-CIO, A LEADER IN THE
GRAPE STRIKE OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AT DELANO, CALIF., STATED
THAT THE FARM WORKERS INTENDED TO PICKET U.S. AG RAMSEY
CLARK DURING HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF SOCIAL WORKERS AT EIGHT THIRTY P.M., MAY TWENTY-NINE NEXT
AT THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM, SAN FRANCISCO. BYER INDICATED REASON

FOR PICKET WAS THAT US AG RULED AGAINST FARM WORKERS IN

RECENT DECISION INVOLVING IMMIGRANT LABOR [REDACTED]

MAY 28 1968

ON THIS DATE ADVISED

THAT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD RUN FROM
MAY TWENTY-SIX THROUGH MAY THIRTY-FIRST, NEXT, AND THAT

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US AG CLARK WAS SCHEDULED TO TALK ON MAY TWENTY-NINE NEXT AT
EIGHT THIRTY P.M. AND WOULD BE STAYING AT THE HILTON HOTEL,
^{SAN FRANCISCO}
SF. MATTER WILL BE FOLLOWED AND PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS
REPORTED. XSF PD AWARE; SECRET SERVICE AND APPROPRIATE
INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES BEING ADVISED.

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The Attorney General

May 24, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - [REDACTED]

POSSIBLE PICKETING OF UNITED STATES
ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK BY
UNITED FARM WORKERS, MAY 29, 1968
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] advised our
San Francisco Office that he had received information that
the United Farm Workers intend to stage a picketing
demonstration during your appearance before the National
Conference of Social Workers in San Francisco, California,
on May 29, 1968. [REDACTED] stated that he received
the information from an individual who identified himself
as a representative of Cesar Chavez, Director of United Farm
Workers, American Federation of Labor and Congress of
Industrial Organizations, a leader in the agricultural
workers' strike at Delano, California.

[REDACTED] advised that his source stated
the picketing demonstration is to protest a recent ruling
regarding immigrant farm workers.

The above is being furnished for your information,
and you will be advised of any further pertinent developments.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

By teletype dated 5/23/68, San Francisco advised that [REDACTED] had furnished information concerning the possible picketing at the appearance of the Attorney General. [REDACTED] of the National Conference of Social Workers advised that the National Conference is scheduled for 5/26-31/68 and that the Attorney General is scheduled to talk on 5/29/68. According to [REDACTED] the Attorney General will be staying at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco. Our San Francisco Office is following this matter and will advise the Bureau of any pertinent developments.

UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM

SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-197) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

POSSIBLE PICKETING OF U. S.
ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK
BY UNITED FARM WORKERS, 5/29/68
San Francisco, California
RACIAL MATTERS

ReSFairtel 5/24/68.

Sacramento indices are negative as to FRANK BYER.

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI

FROM: SAC SAN FRANCISCO (157-1424)

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POSSIBLE PICKETING OF U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK BY

UNITED FARM WORKERS, MAY TWENTY-NINE NEXT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
RACIAL MATTERS. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

REMYTEL FIVE TWENTY-THREE LAST AND ^{Demu} FIVE TWENTY-FOUR LAST.

USAG MET AT SF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY SAC CHARLES BATES AND
DELIVERED TO HILTON HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO WITHOUT INCIDENT THIS DATE.

AT SEVEN FORTY-FIVE PM PICKETS NUMBERED SEVENTY-SIX. MAXIMUM
NUMBER AT EIGHT-FORTY PM WAS THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN. APPROXI-
MATELY ONE HALF OF PICKETS WERE WEARING BADGE CREDENTIALS OF THE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WELFARE. AT EIGHT-FIFTY PM
PICKETS NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT. PICKETING ENDED AT
NINE ZERO FIVE PM. SIGNS CARRIED BY PICKETS INCLUDING THE
FOLLOWING:

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"QUIT DRAFTING STRIKE BREAKERS." "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INJUSTICE."

"SUPPORT DELANO (CALF.) FARM WORKERS." THE PICKETS WERE CHANTING

"DON'T BUY GRAPES." PICKETS WERE ORDERLY, WELL DRESSED, AND OBEYED
REQUESTS OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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PICKETS ENTERED CONTINENTAL BALLROOM WHERE USAG WAS SPEAKING

FROM ABOUT NINE FIFTEEN TO NINE THIRTY PM. THE PICKET LEADER WITH THE

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| AID OF A POWER BULLHORN INTERRUPTED SPEECH WITH QUESTIONS AND RECITED
PLEDGE NOT TO BUY GRAPES. MAJORITY OF AUDIENCE BOOED INTERRUPTIONS,
SPEECH TERMINATED AT NINE THIRTY-FIVE PM. APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED IN AUDIENCE.

AG RETURNING TO WASHINGTON ON TEN-THIRTY PM FLIGHT.

| NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS TOOK PLACE.


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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (157-2385)(RUC)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PICKETING OF
U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK
BY UNITED FARM WORKERS
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
5/29/68
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Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 5/24/68.

Based on information furnished by San Francisco,
Los Angeles indices are negative on FRANK BYER.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1131) (C)

TEXAS RANGER CAPTAIN ALFRED Y. ALLEN,
- FINGER JACK VAN CLEVELAND ET AL,
EDGAR ALLAN KEPLER,
ESTHER GOLVAIA KEPLER
DOUGLAS CRAYSTON ALLEN, III ET AL
VICTIMS
UNLAWFUL ARREST - CIVIL RIGHTS

CO SA

National Law Review

Re report of SA [REDACTED] at San Antonio dated

3/15/68.

Enclosed for information of Bureau are 10 copies of
a LHM in this matter.

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San Antonio, Texas

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TEXAS RANGER CAPTAIN ALFRED Y. ALLEE;
RANGER JACK VAN CLEVE; ET AL;
EDGAR ALLEN KRUEGER;
ESTHER GUEVARA KRUEGER;
DOUGLASS GRAYBILL ADAIR, III; ET AL -
VICTIMS

On May 25, 1968, the following story appeared on page
one of the Valley Morning Star newspaper, Harlingen, Texas:

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FOR ENFORCING LAW IN VALLEY LAST SUMMER

TCC May Drop Suit Against Rangers

By SAM GERALD

It appeared Friday the Texas Council of Churches (TCC) said the TCC may withdraw its lawsuit against the Rangers. He said he is "optimistic" about chances for an "honorable agreement." McAllister, speaking before the commissioners of the Synod of the Church, U. S., in Fort Worth, said the council is "very hopeful" that it will "win its case" being vigilant during incidents without going through the courts. The suits grew out of their activities surrounding the unsuccessful attempt of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (AFL-CIO) to organize the laborers on the larger melon farms in Starr County.

TCC Suit

One suit was filed by the Texas Council of Churches alleging that the Rangers used unnecessary force in dispersing pickets, and that one man affiliated with the TCC through a small church group, Ed Krueger, and his wife received rough treatment during that period in one incident. It is this suit which may be withdrawn. In Fort Worth, earlier this week, the Rev. Gerald McAllister, a member of the staff of the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas and

"New Mood"

McAllister hinted of a "new" atmosphere in Austin. "There's a new mood (at the state capital) since the Texas Liquor Board probe," he said. It was not clear what the LCB probe has to do with the TCC suit on the Rangers, but he added that no one any longer finds the attitude there that "everything's for a number of times and never been taken up on it. The reason speaks for itself."

He said the TCC associated with union leaders because it "believes in the right of association for common purpose."

and because it "knew full well that some in the union were counseling violence and sabotage." He said the church group maintained a "ministry of presence." McAllister discounted the charge that the TCC sided with workers against growers, claiming that because the church group's ministry to workers got off the ground before its ministry to growers, the public probably came to that conclusion.

Never Heard Of It

In the Valley Friday, growers contacted said they never had heard of a TCC ministry to growers down this way.

McAllister said most of the "uproar" over TCC's role in the migrant workers situation developed because the laborers are "newly articulate and assertive."

"When you get people to the point of leadership, it becomes obvious that they will be hurt in a new way," he said. "This upsets a lot of people." He said the church's responsibility is to "see that the voice" (of the organized worker) is "met positively." He added that if not,

other groups will be only too glad to lead the workers "down the path of irresponsibility." The Texas Rangers were instrumental last summer in keeping law and order in the Valley, from Starr County on down, when demonstrators tried to stop the Missouri - Pacific trains hauling melons out of the area in which union and church outsiders from California, San Antonio and other points were trying to organize farm workers who didn't want to organize.

Many Arrests

Numerous arrests, many jailings and many demonstrations resulted.

Some of the outsiders arrested by the Rangers and who claimed the Rangers and other peace officers were "brutal" turned out to have criminal records and some are in jail today.

But out of the incidents, the two suits arose — one by the TCC in connection with the Krueger affair (Krueger associated himself with the "union" people and other outside dem-

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Rangers

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onstrators), and the other by
the union itself.

The other suit was to come
up for trial in federal court in
Brownsville in mid-May,
but has been postponed until
June 11. That will make it
pending for about a year, since
it was filed on June 12 last
year by the United Farm Work-
ers Organizing Committee
against the Rangers and offi-
cers of the Starr County sher-
iff's department. It is to be
heard before a three-judge court.

Defendants

The suit names specifically
Ranger Capt. A. Y. Alles, Tex-
as Rangers S. H. Denson, Jack
Van Cleve, Jerome Preiss and
T. H. Dawson; Sheriff Dr. Rene
Solis, Deputy Sheriffs Raul and
Roberto Pena and Special Dep-
uty Sheriff Jim Rochester, all
of Starr County, and Justice of
the Peace B. S. Lopez, also of
Rio Grande City.

They were charged by mem-
bers of the UFWOC with de-
priving members of the "un-
ion" of their constitutional
rights under the Fifth and
Fourteenth Amendments of the
Constitution.

The "deprivation" was in
connection with arrests and de-
tention of "union" members
during the months-long picket-
ing of Starr County produce
farms.

Among the plaintiffs is Gilbert
Padilla, vice president of the
"union" who was an associate
of Cesar Chavez, founder of
the California farm union, of
which the Texas organization is
a splinter. Padilla now is in
charge of the Valley "union"
and last summer in Rio Gran-
de City staged a rally to pro-
test the presence of Rangers
there during picketing action
and other demonstrations. Mem-
bers of the union were arrest-
ed following numerous incidents.
Violence was rampant in
the long months of unionization
effort, a railroad bridge was
burned, cars were burned, citi-
zens were threatened and trains
were delayed. Rangers had to
ride shotgun on the trains go-
ing out of the Valley carrying
melons.

Three Judges

The judges who are to hear
the case are Federal District
Judge Arnaldo Garza of
Brownsville, Judge John R.
Brown of the Fifth Circuit U. S.
Court of Civil Appeals, New
Orleans, and Judge Woodrow
Seals, of the Southern District
Court in Houston.

Because of weather conditions
which have caused the melon
crop to be late and small, little
unionization effort has been ob-
served this spring. A big union-
ization effort was to have un-
dertaken this spring and sum-
mer, with the advent of the sev-
er melon crop, some of the "un-
ionists" had indicated.

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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-1424)(C)

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK
BY UNITED FARM WORKERS, 5/29/68
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
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Remytels 5/23-30/68 and LHM dated 5/24/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM.

U.S. Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK was met at the San Francisco International Airport by SAC CHARLES W. BATES and escorted to the Hilton Hotel, San Francisco, without incident. U.S. Attorney General proceeded back to Washington, D.C. after speech.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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San Francisco, California

May 31, 1968

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POSSIBLE PICKETING OF U.S.
ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK
BY UNITED FARM WORKERS,
MAY 29, 1968, SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA

Reference is made to a memorandum dated May 24, 1968 captioned as above.

Copies of this memorandum are being distributed locally to the Army, Navy, Air Force, United States Attorney, San Francisco and Secret Service, San Francisco.

Picketing at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel began at 7:30 p.m. by the United Farm Workers AFL-CIO in preparation for the address to be given by U.S. Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK. At 7:45 p.m. pickets numbered 67. The maximum number of pickets was reached at 8:45 p.m. when 367 encircled the entire hotel. Approximately one-half of the pickets were wearing badge credentials of the National Conference of Social Welfare whose convention the U.S. Attorney General was addressing. Picketing ended at 9:05 p.m. (11.4.68)

Signs carried by pickets included, "Quit Drafting Strike Breakers," "U.S. Department of Injustice," and "Support Delano (California) Farm Workers." The pickets were chanting "Don't Buy Grapes." Picketing was orderly and obeyed request of the San Francisco, California Police Department in regard to areas of picketing and blocking of entrances.

The pickets entered the Continental Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel and from 9:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the picket leader, with the aid of a power bullhorn, interrupted the speech of the U.S. Attorney General demanding Federal enforcement of laws against strike breakers. RAMSEY CLARK was speaking on "legal rights for all." The individual with the bullhorn recited a

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK
BY UNITED FARM WORKERS,
MAY 29, 1968, SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA

pledge not to buy grapes and requested audience participation in the pledge. The majority of the audience resented the interruptions. The speech was terminated at 9:35 p.m. The audience was estimated at 2500.

No arrests were made. In the ballroom each seat had literature on it put out by the United Farm Group charging that the government is allowing Mexican laborers issued green cards to work on farms involved in labor disputes despite a regulation prohibiting the alleged strike breaking.

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This confirms information furnished orally to Mr. Richard S. ...,
Inter-Division Information Unit,
on 5/30/68.

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Date: 8/16/68

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-197)

SUBJECT: UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE AFL - CIO
Delano, California
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau, 8/15/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four (4) copies of an LHM and one (1) copy for Los Angeles pertaining to captioned matter.

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REC-30 100-444762-156

AT DELANO, CALIFORNIA: Will follow situation involving picketing of Delano Police Department and report any positive results.

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C. C. Bishop

Room 836
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Approved: JHW
Special Agent in Charge
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Sacramento, California

August 16, 1968

UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE AFL - CIO
DELANO, CALIFORNIA

Copies of this memorandum are being distributed to the Army, Navy, Air Force, United States Secret Service, and United States Attorney.

On August 16, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised as follows:

From about 5 p.m., to 9 p.m., on August 15, 1968, up to 200 United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) pickets gathered in the vicinity of the Delano Police Department protesting what they claimed is a lack of police protection. Included in the UFWOC picket line on that date were approximately 12 individuals, names unknown, claiming to be "brown berets" from Los Angeles, California. He has heard that Mr. Cesar Chavez, Director, UFWOC, has invited any of the militant groups to participate in this protest. During the morning of August 16, 1968, there were about 50 UFWOC protesters in front of the Delano Police Department.

[REDACTED] stated he intends to send a telegram to Attorney General Ramsey Clark on August 16, 1968, inviting the United States Justice Department to thoroughly investigate any complaints that Mr. Chavez has filed concerning [REDACTED] department or any other law enforcement agencies in the area [REDACTED]

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UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE AFL - CIO
DELANO, CALIFORNIA

He is sending this telegram because he has heard Mr. Chavez
has made numerous recent complaints to the Attorney General
regarding police agencies in the Delano, California, area.

FBI

Date: 8/19/68

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(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-197) (P)

SUBJECT: UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
AFL - CIO
DELANO, CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 8/16/68.

Enclosed herewith are four copies of letterhead memorandum pertaining to captioned matter.

LEAD:SACRAMENTO DIVISIONAt Bakersfield, California:

Will follow this matter with the Delano Police Department.

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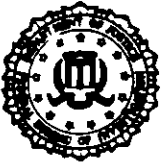
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Sacramento, California
August 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
AFL - CIO
DELANO, CALIFORNIA

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to intelligence agencies of the Army, Air Force, And Navy, and to United States Secret Service, Sacramento, California.

The August 15, 1968, issue of the "Delano Record," a local tri-weekly Delano newspaper, reflects an interview with Cesar Chavez, Director, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), wherein Chavez stated that "this beating," referring to the altercation between union picket Manuel Rivera and Ignacio Rubio, on August 13, 1968, "is only one of many more incidents which have happened over the past two months. The police, District Attorney, and Sheriff won't move on them. We will stay here till we get action," referring to the picketing of the Delano Police Station.

Mr. Chavez further stated that he had asked Attorney General Ramsey Clark to send Federal Marshals to Delano, "so we can proceed with our union activities with some protection." Mr. Chavez previously stated, on August 13, 1968, that he is asking for a Congressional investigation into the matter. (A one-day meeting of the General Labor Sub-Committee of the House Education and Labor Committee, headed by Congressman John Dent (Democrat-Pennsylvania), was held at the Delano High School on August 15, 1968, to hear testimony on farm labor problems as they related to Federal legislation.)

On August 16, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised as follows:

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RE: UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
AFL - CIO, DELANO, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] the individual involved in the altercation with Manuel Rivera, who is affiliated with UFWOC, signed a complaint through the Kern County District Attorney's Office, at Bakersfield, California, on August 16, 1968, charging Rivera with battery. A warrant for Rivera's arrest was issued by Judge McNally of the Delano Justice Court on August 16, 1968, and Rivera was apprehended at Delano by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, on the same date.

Rivera was housed temporarily in the Delano Jail, pending transfer to the Kern County Jail, Bakersfield, and was immediately visited by David Averbuck, UFWOC Attorney. Mr. Averbuck told Chief Aisles that the Delano Police Department would "suffer" for Rivera's arrest.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that during the afternoon of August 16, 1968, approximately 25 to 30 pickets were present on the sidewalk in front of the Delano Police Station; however, picketing has been orderly and no arrests have been made. He said there is a vague rumor that Mr. Chavez has sent letters to militant groups throughout the United States, inviting them to join in the picketing at Delano.

[REDACTED] advised on August 17, 1968, that an average of approximately 70 UFWOC pickets were present at the Delano Police Station, and that there were no problems except an occasional jeer by a passing citizen.

On August 19, 1968, [REDACTED] stated that except for a two hour night rally by UFWOC members, there was no activity at the Police Station on August 18, 1968. He said there were about eight UFWOC pickets at the Police Station as of 10:00 A.M., on August 19, 1968.

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AFL - CIO, DELANO, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] advised on August 19, 1968, that
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. He advised that on the night of August 16, 1968, approximately 300 UFWOC pickets assembled in front of the Delano Police Department and became unnecessarily loud and unruly. UFWOC Attorney Averbuck was called in to discuss the matter and was asked to cooperate; however, he was not very receptive to any suggestions on the part of the Delano Police Department. Immediately after Averbuck left the station, the pickets left the sidewalk and gathered at the door of the Police Station. Since they were interfering with the normal operation of the Police Department, they were ordered to leave, and only after all assembled forces were called in did the pickets leave without any further problems.

[REDACTED] stated that to date there have been no arrests in connection with this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444752) DATE: 8/26/68

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269) (P*)

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE
IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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In view of no current harvest or union activity in Starr County, Texas, and the recent departure of FROBAN LOZADA, the main agitator in the Valley Community Service, aka Valley Service Committee and Colonias del Valle, of Donna and San Juan, Texas, this matter is being placed in a pending inactive status at San Antonio, Texas.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/10/68

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-197)(C)

SUBJECT: UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
AFL - CIO
DELANO, CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau dated 8/19/68.

There has been no picketing or other unusual activity on the part of the above-captioned organization during the past week and none is anticipated in the near future. Consequently, this matter is being placed in a closed status.

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TO DIRECTOR (CODE)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 62-NEW IP

VIA TELETYPE

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"ANTI-NIXON VIGIL", SPONSORED BY UNITED FARM WORKERS,
AFL-CIO, OCT. TWENTY FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, NYC; INFORMATION
CONCERNING.

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION
IN THE PAST, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE UNITED FARM WORKERS,
AFL-CIO, WOULD HOLD AN "ANTI-NIXON VIGIL", ON TEN TWENTY
FIVE INSTANT, AT NIXON'S MANHATTAN CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS
FROM FOUR TO SEVEN PM.

THE VIGIL IS TO PROTEST NIXON'S SUPPORT OF THE GRAPE
GROWERS IN DISPUTE WITH THE UNITED FARM WORKERS.

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RE NEW YORK TEL TEN TWENTY FOUR LAST, CAPTIONED

15 OCT 28 1968

"PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY - NEW YORK". SOURCE UTILIZED IS

SECRET SERVICE, NEW YORK,
AND BSS, NYCPD, ADVISED. NYO WILL FOLLOW AND SUTEL RESULTS.

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URGENT 8-35PM 10-25-68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 62-NEW 1P

ANTI-NIXON VIGIL, SPONSORED BY UNITED FARM WORKERS,
AFL-CIO, TEN TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT, NYC; INFORMATION
CONCERNING.

ADVISED THIS DATE THAT

THE UNITED FARM WORKERS, AFL-CIO, HELD A VIGIL AT RICHARD
M. NIXON'S CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS AT FIFTY SEVENTH STREET
AND PARK AVENUE, NYC ON TEN TWENTY FIVE INSTANT.

APPROXIMATELY FORTY PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE VIGIL
INCLUDING CITY COUNCILMAN ED KOCH.

THE VIGIL BEGAN AT FOUR THIRTY PM AND ENDED AT SEVEN PM.
THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS.

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RENYTEL TEN TWENTY FIVE INSTANT. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED

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3:40PM URGENT 11/15/68 MCF

TO DIRECTOR

FROM PITTSBURGH (62-NEW)

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DEMONSTRATION MARCH, NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN
SIXTYEIGHT, BY UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE,
PITTSBURGH, PA., INFO CONCERNING.

NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ORGANIZATION

ON NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, INSTANT, A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED
THAT ALBERT ROJAS OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE (UFWOC) HAD OBTAINED A PERMIT FOR A MARCH ON
NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NEXT. THE MARCH WILL BEGIN AT HERRON
AND CENTRE STREETS, IN THE NEGRO HILL DISTRICT OF
PITTSBURGH. THE MARCH WILL THEN PROCEED ALONG GRANT ST., AND
LIBERTY AVENUE ENDING AT AN AREA IN PITTSBURGH KNOWN AS THE
POINT. THE AIM OF THE UFWOA IS TO GAIN UNION RECOGNITION
FOR GRAPE PICKERS IN CALIFORNIA AND AS A MEANS TO THAT
END, ROJAS HAS BEEN IN PITTSBURGH FOR SOMETIME. HE HAS
ORGANIZED A CAMPAIGN TO DISCOURAGE THE USE OF CALIFORNIA
GRAPES.

THE SOURCE SAID THAT THERE WERE INDICATIONS CIVIL
DISOBEDIENCE WOULD OCCUR DURING THE MARCH.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

DATE: 11/18/68

SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269) (P)

SUBJECT:

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a LHM concerning the boycott of the Edcouch-Elsa, Texas, High School by a group of students who are allegedly being led by or associated with members of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee and of LaRaza Unida.

This information being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

Only those organizations that can be documented are characterized.

This matter is being followed through the news media and other public information sources but no active investigation is being conducted by San Antonio.

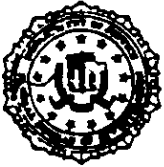
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas
November 13, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS
STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The Monitor, an evening newspaper published at McAllen, Texas, under date of November 13, 1968, contained the following information:

Members and backers of the Mexican-American Youth Organization (MAYO) planned to show up at the Edcouch-Elsa High School tonight to air their grievances but the school board was not expected to be around to hear them.

MAYO drafted 15 "demands" and two "recommendations" to be presented to the trustees charging among other things "blatant discrimination."

Billie Cellum, Board President, said MAYO representatives had requested a special meeting tonight to present their requests. However, Cellum advised the group trustees would "listen to their complaints" at the next regular session at 8:00 p.m. Monday.

The list of demands and recommendations were discussed by the MAYO group and sympathizers at a Monday night session held in the Elsa Community Building, it was reported.

State senator Joe Bernal of San Antonio, and Richard Avena, San Antonio member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, addressed a large group of students and parents at the Monday night meeting.

Bernal said he was asked to come down here like the Texan Rangers were invited. His reference was to old complaints involving rangers who assisted Starr County authorities in labor strife with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE,
CITY, TEXAS

The Edcouch-Elsa School Board last week passed a new policy resolution which said in part: It has come to the attention of the school board that there are persons who are engaged in activities designed to cause trouble, dissatisfaction and disruption in the school system.

To prevent disruption in the education of the students of this school district, the board hereby directs that any student who participates in a demonstration or walk-out not previously approved by the office of the principal shall be expelled from this school for the remainder of the semester and no credit may be earned during that semester.

The policy went on to state that it was not the board's intentions to discourage the legitimate complaints, but that they must be handled through proper channels.

No student shall be permitted to attempt to recruit or solicit on campus members for any organization which tends to disrupt, interfere with, or create unrest or dissension among students in the education program, the policy continued.

Maximum penalty for violation of this provision shall be the expulsion for the remainder of the semester.

The Valley Morning Star, a Harlingen, Texas, newspaper, on November 15, 1968, carried the following item:

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Action May Be Spreading On

Edcouch-Elsa Student Continues With Ra

By NOLENE HODGES
EDCOUCH — Striking Mexican-American students at Edcouch-Elsa High School climaxed a daylong demonstration Thursday night with a rally in front of the campus auditorium.

Xavier Ramirez, a senior who heads the six-member "student committee" leading the revolt, claimed as many as 200 left classes.

The last report from school authorities indicated 136 were absent. There was no official count on how many had been suspended due to the walkout.

The group said it is protesting discrimination and conditions in

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the district as well as the failure of the school board to call a special session to hear student demands.

Cars Line Highway

The Thursday night attendance was estimated at more than 1,000 cars and trucks, filled the bus parking spaces and lined both sides of the divided highway in front of the school.

Adult education classes normally held Thursday nights at the high school were called off, presumably because of the gathering.

Mirtala Villarreal, a member of the student committee, said she had talked by telephone with Sen. Ralph Yarborough concerning the school situation. She said he told her to write him concerning the complaints.

A group of Weslaco students joined in the rally. The spokesman for the Weslaco group identified himself as Milton Hinojosa.

Other speakers included Abel Ochoa, Hidalgo County PASO president who told the students they had the "100 per cent support" of PASO. Ochoa announced earlier in the week it would be PASO's policy to offer legal aid to students expelled for demonstrating.

Ramirez said the demonstrators would be back on the campus at 8 a.m.

Principal M. L. Pipkin called a faculty meeting to discuss overall situation and strategy for today.

"We will continue to have school as much as possible," Pipkin said, "and will check attendance most carefully."

He said the demonstrators generally are from the average and lower section academically and non-participants as far as athletics and extra-curricular activities are concerned.

"Some are trouble makers and some are not," he said.

Pipkin also announced over the loud speaker that students walking out would "unquestionably be expelled" by the school board.

Following the noon hour, he instructed teachers to check carefully for class members who might have returned after being absent for morning sessions. Students in the class boycott at 8 a.m. became more unruly as the day wore on, clapping and chanting as they marched closer and closer to the building, sometimes shouting to those inside.

Hidalgo County Sheriff E. E. Vickers told his deputies to stay away from the area.

The high school is located between the cities of Edcouch and Elsa, and therefore out of the jurisdiction of city police.

However, Police Chief Eloy Zavala of Elsa and Chief Ernesto Olivarez of Edcouch were on the scene most of the time as the event trouble broke out.

State highway patrolmen were in the area frequently during the afternoon.

VISTA workers and Pan American College students began joining and advising the demonstrators Thursday afternoon.

As buses left the school at

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the end of the day, one load! Their parents were more of non-striking pupils lowered militant. At least one parent told school authorities he was keeping his child at home because he didn't want her "endangered" by the demonstration in an effective protest of their own.

A group of the students involved in the walkout crawled into a big red stake-bed truck late in the afternoon and headed for Weslaco. It had been rumored the group would demonstrate in Weslaco.

The truck drove around several streets in the downtown area and appeared to be headed for the northside plaza park. Police kept them under surveillance.

Instead of going to the park, the young people stopped at a Kansas Street residence. Police took no action. School officials, including one Wednesday night appeared shortly after the walkout was planned.

Apparently to determine if Pipkin and Juan B. Weslaco students were involved. Pipkin and Juan B. Weslaco students were involved.

After the approximately 140 students began their boycott of classes at 8 a.m. Monday and Tuesday. A series of conferences with the six leaders of the demonstrators at several discumination. They say the parents, Pipkin announced all those involved in the walkout would be suspended for three days, pending action of the school board.

The conferences took place at the school house door, and later, about an hour in a room between classes they thought the walkout was a "disgrace."

Others Watching. Other school district administrators in the area were keeping in close contact on the Edcouch-Elisa development, indicating they felt the movement might spread if firm action were not taken in the first instance.

The student participants remained in a group near the campus. Original plans to spend the day at a stockyard adjoining the school grounds had to be called off when the pens were filled with cattle Thursday morning.

The Edcouch-Elisa school board took action last week in the students were orderly.

Hit Where Hurts

Students involved said the walkout would "hit the school where it hurts," cutting down the average daily attendance on which state funds are allocated.

Union, PASO, VISTA and Texas Council of Churches, Grant ministry representatives stayed away from Thursday morning's demonstration.

They have been addressing meetings held by the students in the last two weeks. Students in the last two weeks, including one Wednesday night appeared shortly after the walkout was planned.

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A special meeting calling for expulsion of students participating in demonstrations or walkouts for the semester. Students, under the same policy, are forbidden to "recruit or solicit on campus, members for any organization which tends to disrupt, interfere with, or create unrest or dissension" among the student body.

Ramirez said the demonstration was organized because the school board refused to call a special meeting Wednesday night to hear his group's list of 15 "demands" and two recommendations.

Meet Monday

Billie Cellum, board president, told the group spokesman trustees would listen to the complaints at a regular meeting set for 8 p.m. Monday. He said a full board could not be present before that time.

School administrators may suspend students for three days, Pipkin explained, with board action necessary for expulsion.

As the demonstration began Pipkin told the students he was "willing to listen to any justified complaint, but as far as being out of class, I will not tolerate it."

Eddy Gonzalez, one of the walkout leaders, told the principal the "school belongs to the parents and the students. The school is supposed to meet every emergency. This is an emergency. Get the board here."

The leaders and several parents requested Pipkin to contact Supl. A. W. Bell. He left the door briefly to do so. When he returned, he said he had talked with the Superintendent and was advised that the board would meet at 8 p.m. Monday and "at that time, if you have any statement you wish to present to the board, you may do so."

Told Go Back

A short time later, Pipkin stated to the group: "The only thing I can tell you right now is to go back to class. If you do not wish to go to class you may walk off."

Luis Chavez, father of three students involved in the demonstration, talked with the principal through an interpreter. He charged the school authorities declined to listen to the student complaints.

"You act like this is not nothing," Gonzalez told the principal. "If you don't think that it is something, look across the street."

Pipkin said he had nothing further to say, except "any student not in school will automatically come under the board policy and will be expelled for the semester."

One of the adults wanted to know "how come high government can call emergency

meetings, but the school board can't?"

Mrs. Rebecca Ramirez who said she had children attending classes, argued at length with both students and adults outside the high school entrance, telling them they were wrong and to return to classes.

Pipkin was asked if he would meet with the demonstrating students and their parents. He said he didn't want a mass meeting, but if the leaders and their parents wanted to discuss "anything officially or unofficially" he was willing to comply.

Requests, Not Demands

He said he wanted to emphasize he would hear their requests, "but not demands."

He also told the leaders "but I am not going to listen to that group standing over there in defiance," pointing to the main body of the demonstrators across the unpaved, dusty road.

It was then that the six leaders and six or seven adults accompanied Pipkin inside the building for a conference.

Asked following it what he said, Pipkin replied, "I listened."

Ramirez and the other boycott leaders denied to reporters earlier and to Pipkin today that they were a part of the Mexican-American Youth Organization (MAYO). They said they hoped to form a MAYO group later.

Earlier, some of the students had described themselves as MAYO members.

The two "recommendations" drafted for presentation to the school board call for either students or townspeople to be hired as school bus drivers instead of teachers and for longer periods of time to be given to get to classes between periods.

They said five minutes would be sufficient, charging they now have three minutes.

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STOOD FIRM—Edcouch-Elsa High School principal M. L. Pipkin, right, stood firm in the face of a student walkout involving approximately 140 Mexican-American students Thursday morning. Pipkin said he could not make the students attend classes, but that those who

didn't would be suspended for three days. Shown with him in front of the high school are, left to right, Luis Chavez, father of three children taking part in the walkout, and Xavier Ramirez, a student leader in the protest.

(Staff Photo)



SIGNS OF DISCONTENT — Students in several age groups refused to attend classes Thursday in the Edcouch-Elsa school system. The leaders of the protesting group presented 15 demands upon school authori-

ties. Later in the the day, all students were turned out an because of a bomb scare.

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STUDENT REVOLT LEADER — Xavier Ramirez, center, with hands on head, is shown at the moment he reported to his followers in the Edcouch-Elsa High School demonstration Thursday morning that they had been suspended from

classes. He talked to reporters, said his group is not backed by a farm labor union, nor VISTA, but representatives from both groups were seen in the ranks of the students. (Star Photo)

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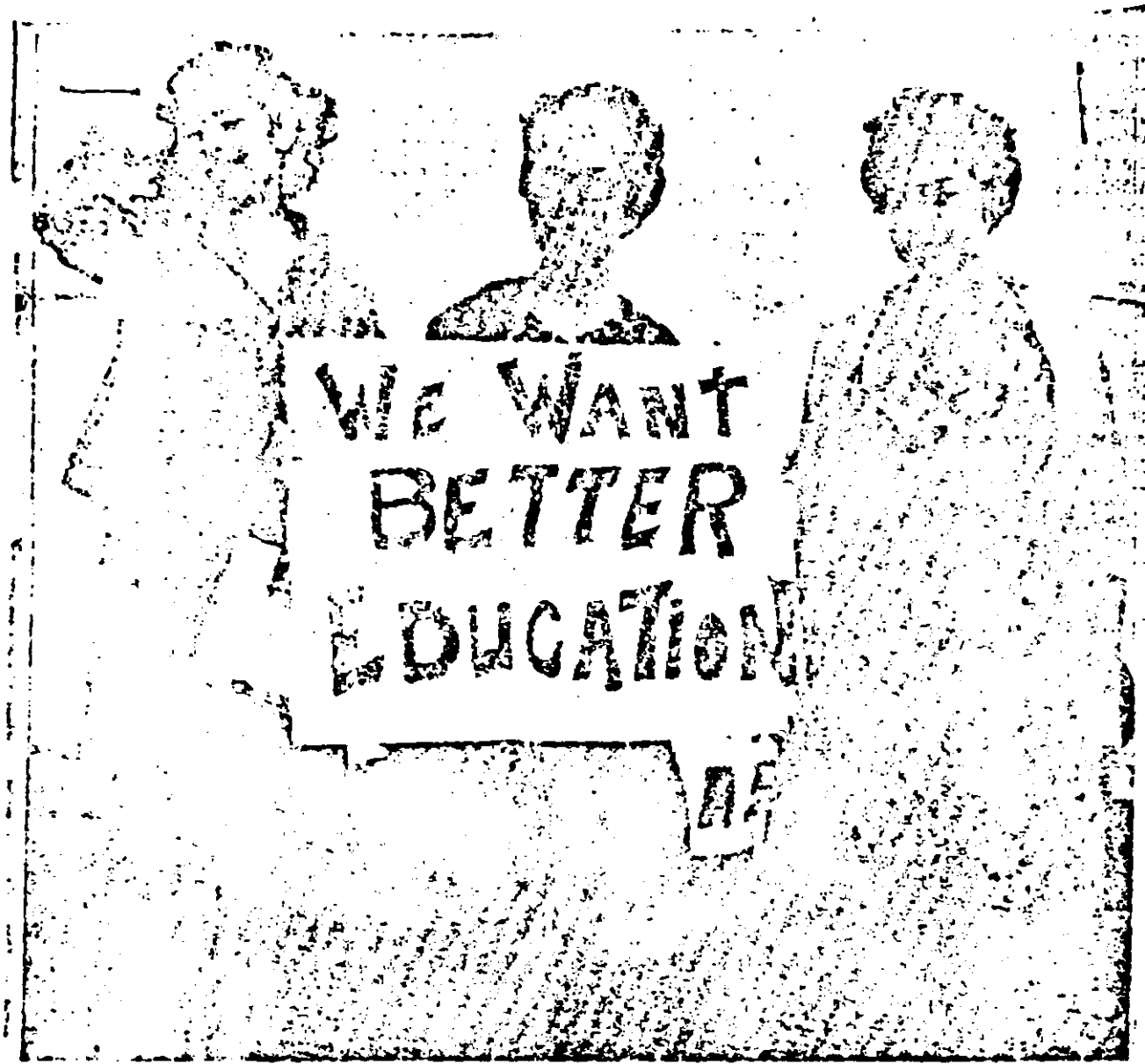
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red out an hour early

(Star Photo)

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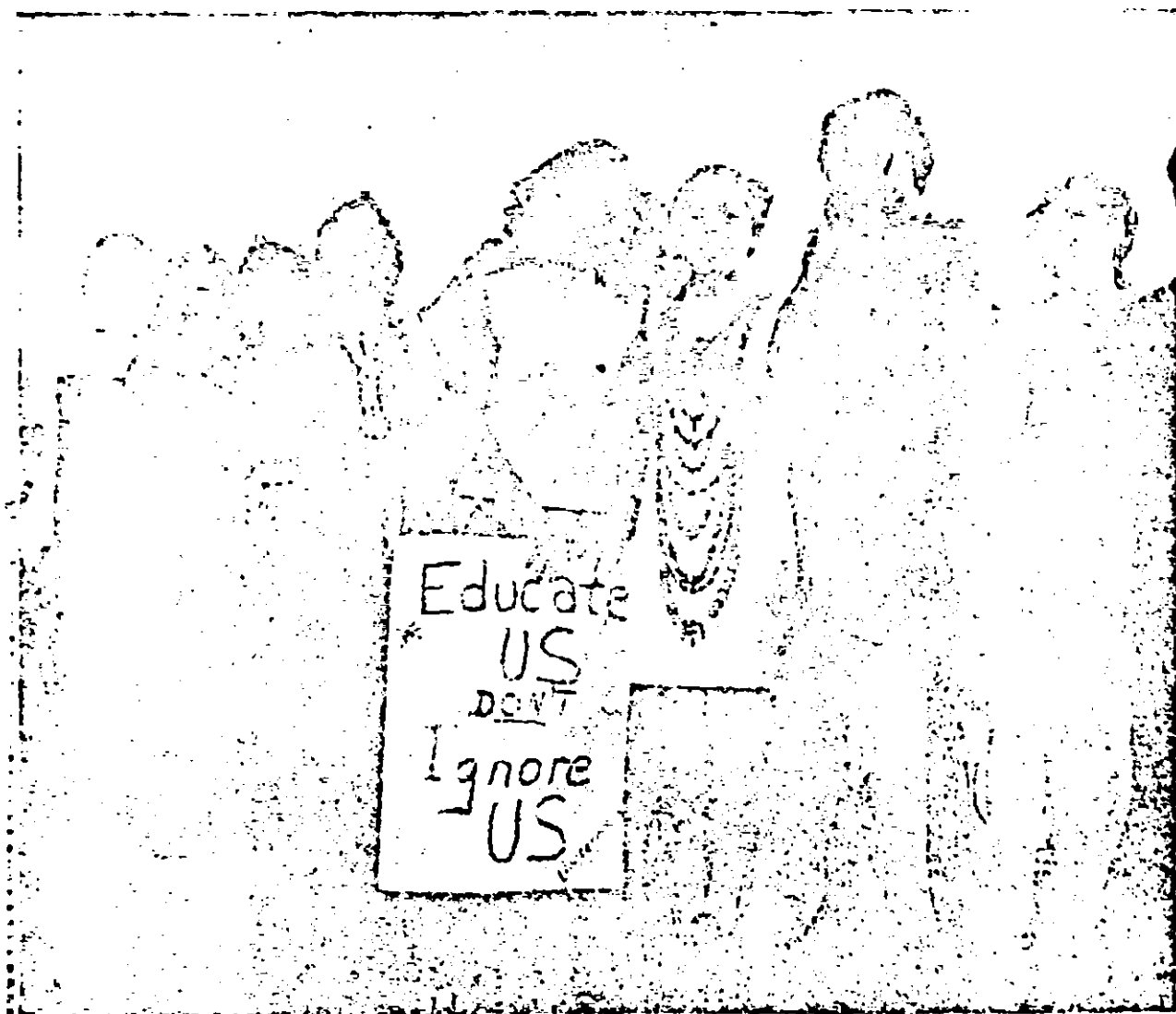
PROTEST SIGN — These three Edcouch-Elsa High School seniors show one of the various protest signs observed in the mass student refusal to attend school Thursday

morning. They are, from left, Mirtala Villarreal, Martina Gonzalez and Patsy Jacinto.

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MINI-SKIRTED DEMONSTRATORS—Here are some more of the 140 Edcouch-Elsa high school students in the act

of refusing to attend classes Thursday morning. The result three-day suspension from class. (Star Photo)

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GAY PARADE—Demonstrating students staged a short parade in front of the Edcouch-Elisa High School Thursday morning before they learned they had been sus-

pended from classes as a result of the "revolt."

(Star Photo)



UNION FLAG — The black eagle flag of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee was waved during the Thursday morning student demonstration at the Edcouch-Elsa High School. Here a Weslacoan, Jesus Ramos, who was there, holds the flag used by the unsuccessful farm union organizers in the Valley. He was observed speaking to some of the students.
(Star Photo)

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM
WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS

Accompanying the foregoing article were several photographs taken by staff photographers, one of which was a group picture in which signs pertaining to LaFaza Unida were evident and another photograph of an individual identified as Jesus Ramos of Weslaco, Texas, holding the black eagle flag of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee which he waved during the Thursday morning boycott of the high school by the student group. According to the newspaper, Ramos was also observed speaking to some of the students.

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